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CYCLIST passes on Wednesday the native grasses and flowers of Baxter Creek Gateway Park, which unofficially opened to the public in May.

Baxter Creek bash Saturday

El Cerrito celebrates official opening of park with ribbon-cutting, music and children's activities

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito's newest park hasn't officially opened yet, but that hasn't stopped people from coming.

Stephanie Mintz, environmental analyst for El Cerrito, said every time she goes to Baxter Creek Gateway Park, she sees people. "On a breezy morning this week, a woman pushed a two-seat stroller down a paved path at the park. To her right, Baxter Creek meandered parallel to the path.

Although the park opened to the public in May, the official opening will be Saturday, with a ribbon-cutting festivities from 10 a.m. to noon. The festivities are expected to include music by local children's choirs, the West County Winds Ensemble, The Attractors, children's activities, a nature walk led by the restoration

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BAXTER CREEK GATEWAY PARK, the result of a collaboration between the city of El Cerrito and neighborhood groups, offers visitors places to cycle and stroll among restored habitat for animals and numerous native plants.

New police chief for Kensington sought by July 1

District board will use executive search firm to help screen candidates for the dual position

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

A new Kensington police chief/general manager is expected to take the helm of the community's Police Protection and Community Services District no later than July 1 of next year.

Last week, the district board of directors voted unanimously to adopt the proposed timeline and keep the police chief/general manager a dual position.

It also voted to use an executive search firm to look for and help screen a set of qualified candidates. The board adopted a budget of $25,000 to pay for the firm's services.

"We know at some point we're going to need a permanent chief," said Paul Haxo, board president. "So, we're starting that process."

The contract of Chief/General Manager Barry Garfield, who is on leave, expires June 30, and Haxo said the district needs to have someone in place by then.

"We felt that we had to start this process now in order to get moving," he said.

But Bill Wright, who objected to the board's actions at the Sept. 21 meeting, doesn't see it that way.

"I feel that a lot of what this election is about is the structure of the police department and the roles of the police chief and general manager," Wright, a candidate for the board, told The Journal this week. "So having to go ahead with this before the election, I felt was inappropriate and

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Local candidate forums to air on cable access

League of Women Voters chapters sponsor events for El Cerrito and Albany council races

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

Voters will get a chance to view candidate forums for Albany and El Cerrito races on television in the next few weeks.

A candidates forum taped this week for the El Cerrito City Council race will air next month.

The forum, moderated by Contra Costa Times political editor Lisa Vorderbrueggen on Thursday, is expected to air at 1:30 a.m. Oct. 15 and Oct. 22 as well as 6 p.m. Oct. 19 and Oct. 26 on Comcast Channel 26.

The forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley, Contra Costa Newspapers, Contra Costa Council, Contra Costa TV, Contra Costa County Election Department and Comcast.

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville is also sponsoring a pair of candidate forums for the Albany City Council and Albany Unified School District Board of Education races.

The City Council candidates forum is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. The board of education candidates forum is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 7.

They will be held in the City Council chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

The forums will be broadcast live on Albany cable channel 33 and rebroadcast at times to be determined.

For more information, visit the League of Women Voters Web site, http://lwvbae.org, or Smart Voter at www.smartvoter.org.

Two Albany council candidates declined invitations to a televised forum Tuesday organized by Sustainable Albany, because they said the group lacks credibility as an impartial organization.

Candidates Caryl O'Keefe and Francesco Papalia both said they objected that forum moderator Nan Wishner and a third council candidate, Joanne Wile, are members of Sustainable Albany.

MediaNews contributed to this story.

Students discover the write stuff in program

WriterCoach connection helps eighth- and ninth-grade students in Albany enhance writing

By Jen Daly
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

"Writing is easy," Mark Twain quipped. "All you have to do is cross out the wrong words."

While Twain's wit always seems effortless, the joke is that writing is anything but. In reality, writing well is a skill that takes years — some people say a lifetime — to master.

This fall, students at Albany High School and Albany High have received support from the community in meeting this challenge. More than 60 volunteer coaches — including college students, parents and retirees — will donate one to two hours per week in the classroom to help eighth and ninth grade students, one-on-one, with writing assignments.

The WriterCoach Connection program has operated at Albany High since 2003, and expands to the middle school this year with funding from the 2005 parcel tax. Robin Davis, Albany Middle School principal, is excited about the prospect of coaches at AMS. "Thanks to our Albany community, every eighth-grade student will receive one-on-one assistance with writing," said Davis. "It's an amazing gift."

Last year, 58 coaches worked with 468 students in Albany, completing 1,965 sessions, according to Robert Menzimer, an Albany parent and the new executive

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LYNN MUELLER/COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR LEARNING.

VOLUNTEER WRITING coach Barbara Javandel, left, works with Albany High School student Benji Kessler. Last year, 58 coaches worked with 468 students in Albany, completing 1,965 sessions.

Steel casting firm will install filter to combat odor

Burning plastic smell a nuisance, said neighbors of the Second Street facility

By Doug Oakley
MEDIANEWS

After years of neighborhood complaints about a burning plastic smell covering Berkeley and Albany, Pacific Steel Casting today will place a $2 million filter on one of three buildings in an attempt to eliminate the odor.

The custom-built "carbon absorption filter" should be operational in a few weeks after a crane drops it in place at the Second Street site in Berkeley, said company spokeswoman Elisabeth Jewel.

"We certainly expect it will make a significant difference," Jewel said. "The company is making a good-faith effort to do everything it can."

Pacific Steel put two other similar filters on its operation in 1985 and 1991. It successfully argued

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NEWS BRIEFS

Suspect arrested for sexual assault

Prosecutors charged a suspect with kidnapping and lewd acts on a child Wednesday in connection with a June assault against a 13-year-old girl on San Pablo Avenue.

Genetic evidence recovered from the victim matched the DNA of 20-year-old Aaron Newsome, El Cerrito Detective Cpl. Don Horgan said. After test results returned from the state Department of Justice crime lab this week, police arrested Newsome, who had been held on an unrelated warrant in Solano County.

Police say Newsome approached the victim about 9:45 p.m. June 2 at a bus stop near the corner of San Pablo and Potrero avenues. He and another man grabbed her backpack and lured her around the corner, Horgan said.

From there, Newsome grabbed her and dragged her into a nearby alley, where he sexually assaulted her, Horgan said. The victim knew the suspect from the neighborhood and identified him, but police lacked evidence to prosecute until the test results returned, Horgan said.

Local authorities planned to transfer Newsome to Contra Costa County jail this week.

The second man is not being charged, Horgan said, because he did not participate in the attack.

— Karl Fischer

City gets $1 million for improvements

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission approved this week six grants through its Transportation for Livable Communities program to pay for pedestrian, bicycle and streetscape improvements.

El Cerrito and Berkeley were among the recipients.

El Cerrito was awarded $1 million for improvements to AC Transit bus stops and the development of pedestrian and streetscape improvements along San Pablo Avenue in the area of the El Cerrito Plaza BART station.

Berkeley was awarded $2 million for pedestrian access improvements associated with the construction of Ed Roberts Campus, a transit-oriented senior and disabled community center. The campus, named after the late Berkeley disabled rights leader, will be a five-story building above the east parking lot of the Ashby BART station.

— Justin Hill

Education resource fair is planned

Information from community agencies, recreation and after-school care providers will be available at a special education resource fair taking place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Cameron School, 7140 Gladys Ave. in El Cerrito.

The second annual event, hosted by the West Contra Costa School District Resource Parent Program and the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC), will include food and entertainment, an opportunity to meet special education staff, CAC parents, and parent support groups, and an individualized education plan binder to organize and maintain your child's records. For details call Jeanine Bishop at 510-526-8631.

— Chris Treadway

Church to screen 'Inconvenient Truth'

A free screening of "An Inconvenient Truth," a documentary of Al Gore's campaign to make the issue of global warming recognized around the world, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Hillside Community Church in El Cerrito.

A discussion will follow.

The event is part of a continuing series of environmental programs. The church is located at 1422 Navellier St.

For more information, call 510-236-4348.

— Justin Hill

Tri-City Safety Day coming Saturday

The Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington Fire departments are again teaming to hold Tri-City Safety Day, a fun and educational event for families, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday on the east side (Fairmount Avenue side) of El Cerrito Plaza in the Albertson's supermarket parking lot.

The event is a chance to get to know and learn about safety issues from local police and fire agencies. There will also be representatives from numerous other agencies, including many that the public doesn't routinely have contact with, such as the California Highway Patrol, the BART Police Canine Unit, the East Bay Regional Parks Fire Department, the hazardous materials unit from the Richmond Fire Department, the bomb squad from UC Berkeley, the American Red Cross and the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee.

Attendees can also register for an upcoming identity theft workshop.

There will be plenty of activities for youngsters, including fire trucks to investigate, fingerprinting, balloons, fire hats and coloring books. And of course, public safety celebrity mascots Smokey Bear, Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog will make an appearance.

For more details call 510-215-4450.

— Chris Treadway

Web sites for libraries' younger patrons sh

"Want to look for books, movies or music about something you don't know how to spell, like Orangutans or Beethoven? Click on Find It! The Find It button will let you look for subjects, authors, series and famous people, and all you need to know is the first letter of what you seek!"

— From Kids' Catalog Help Pages, Los Angeles Public Library Web site (http://kcweb.lapl.org).



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

RECENTLY, I have been involved in many discussions about library Web sites, particularly those for children. It is amazing how common it is for public libraries to have Web sites — even the smaller libraries have basic ones.

It doesn't seem that long ago that the Internet was just for the technologically savvy, and libraries — if they had a Web presence at all — used it more for advertising than as another location. Now library patrons can search the catalog, request an item, check their own library card record, use the various subscription databases, take an SAT practice test, read a book online, trace ancestry, learn another language, and find out what's happening at the library — all by using an Internet connection at home.

So what about the library Web sites for children? How should they be designed? As part of ongoing research, I have been visiting the children's pages of various library systems. Because many of them are using the same software, they have a similar look for searching the children's catalog.

A good example of this is the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District "Just for Kids" (www.lvccld.org/index.cfm). From this page, children can choose the children's online catalog, which is displayed as a simple box with few choices: Type-it!, Picture It! or Help! There are many variations on this basic idea, with libraries making choices about the pictures to be used, the placement of the search boxes, and the kinds of search terms available.

The goal is to be easy to understand, easy to use, not too wordy and — to my mind — multicultural in approach. One way libraries (and others) get around the multicultural issue is to use animals instead of people when choosing the graphics. Yet using photographs, like the Las Vegas library does on the main children's page, can give a more solid and less childish feel to the page, especially important since the children using the catalog may be as old as 11 or 12.

One of the issues for designing any Web site to be used by people with a range of skills is how much information to put on each page. For a children's search page, I think the simpler the better. A clear choice and an easy-to-use box makes it much easier for a child to get started. Once comfortable using the child's catalog, a young user can always move on to the adult one.

My favorite children's log so far is the Kids' Co... Web of Los Angeles Pu... brary. The type-your-se... tion produces an incredi... simple page with lots of ... space. The large black ... next to the search box ... immediately clear where ... type the words and what ... next.

The contrasting prim... ors of the pictures and ... white on blue lettering ... crisp and easy to read. ... back and home buttons ... only choices at the top ... page, so it is clear what ... are and how to use them ... looking at many other ... sites, I can see that this ... site creator has brought ... gether an understanding ... children and an eye for ... — and the result is an ... children's library catalog ... welcoming and easy to ... fact, I wish there were ... ones just like it!

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@clayton-library.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720. Read past columns at www.juliewinkelstein.com.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A Berkeley woman reported that between 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. someone broke into her blue 2003 Mazda van parked at the Albany waterfront and stole items from inside.

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 600 block of Jackson Street reported that between 2 and 4 p.m. someone broke into her apartment. There were no witnesses.

■ **HAPPY ENDING** — At about 9 p.m. an Albany resident called police when she found an elderly woman near Portland Avenue and San Carlos Street who appeared to be lost and disoriented. They were able to get the woman's name, and a search found she lived in Richmond with her daughter. The daughter arrived to pick up her mother.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

■ **DRUG ARREST** — A business on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that the husband of an employee was causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. They arrested the 29-year-old Concord man for suspicion of drug possession.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

■ **CIVIL DISPUTE** — A resident reported that she saw her neighbor dump trash on her blue Nissan Quest parked in her driveway. Officers responded and talked with both parties.

■ **SUSPICIOUS DELIVERY** — A resident on the 600 block of Kains Avenue reported that a package was delivered to her house the previous day for someone she did not know,. so she refused to sign for it. Later that night a man came to her house, identified himself as the person, and asked for the package. She did not open her door, and the man left.

■ **DONATION STOLEN** — A resident on the 1000 block of Ramona Avenue said that on Saturday he had parked his brown 1993 Honda Accord in front of his house, with the pink slip and keys inside, to be picked up by a charitable organization. He just learned that the organization had not picked up the car.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A Berkeley man reported that someone broke into his maroon 1996 Toyota Corolla parked on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue during the night.

■ **DOUBLE BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a silver 1997 Honda parked on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue and stole the radio from inside. A brown 1984 Volkswagen was also burglarized on the same block.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 8:30 p.m. officers stopped a blue 1995 Acura Integra in the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 20-year-old Richmond man, for DUI. They also arrested the passenger, a 21-year-old El Cerrito man, for disorderly conduct.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

■ **DUI** — Officers arrested a 23-year-old Oakland man driving a blue Jeep near San Pablo Avenue and Dartmouth Street at about 12:30 a.m. for DUI.

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers arrested a 23-year-old Oakland man driving a silver 2006 Dodge rental car near San Pablo and Brighton Avenues for DUI.

■ **MULTIPLE BREAK-INS** — During the night several cars were broken into: a silver Ford Escape parked on the 900 block of Polk Street, a gray 1999 Chevrolet parked on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue, and a blue 1993 Geo Prism parked on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

■ **STRANDED** — At about 1 a.m. officers received a call from a Daly City woman who reported that she... gotten into an argument with ... boyfriend, who had been ... he drove off in her red 200... Civic, leaving her stranded ... Buchanan and Jackson ... located the car and arrested ... a 22-year-old Albany man, for ... driving with a suspended ...

■ **TEMPER TANTRUM** — ... store on the 700 block of ... Avenue reported that a woman ... wanted to buy beer and beca... gry when she did not have ... money for the purchase. She ... the beer on the floor and ... azine. Officers arrested the ... old Richmond woman for ... conduct, assault on a police ... and numerous outstanding ...

MONDAY, SEPT. ...

■ **SEVERAL TIRES SLASH...** During the night someone ... the tires of several cars in ... Marin and Masonic avenues: ... 2000 Mercedes, a blue Hyun... cent, a green Mazda MPV an... white 2006 Ford Expedition.

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — Sometime ... a.m. and 2 p.m., someone ... 1993 Toyota Tercel parked on ... 1000 block of Ordway Stree... were no witnesses.

— Justin ...

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1996 Acura Integra was stolen from the 6600 block of Gatto Avenue between about 10 p.m. and about 6:30 the following morning.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

■ **BURGLARY** — A pair of mountain bicycles were stolen from open garage on the 2500 block of Nason Avenue between about 5 p.m. and about 7:30 the following morning.

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 Honda Accord was stolen from the 2300 block of Tulare Avenue between Sept. 19 and Sept. 23.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — Someone broke the rear window of a 2005 Honda Pilot on the 2700 block of Arlington Boulevard and stole a diaper bag about 6:45 a.m. The burglar fled in a late 1980s two-door black vehicle similar to a Ford Escort, according to police.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1988 Toyota Corolla was stolen from the 9900 block of San Pablo Avenue between about 5 and 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1996 Honda Accord was stolen from the 2600 block of Tulare Avenue between about 10 p.m. and about 9:45 the following morning.

SATURDAY, SEPT. ...

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** ... black man in his 20s took a ... drive" of a KTM dirt motorcy... a helmet with a mounted ... had been lent to him and ... bring the vehicle back. The ... occurred about 4:15 p.m. at ... 3200 block of Yosemite Ave... man was further described ... tall and 200 pounds with ... locks. He was wearing a ... and blue jeans. The motorcy... no plates, and is orange ... graphics.

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Who's the best icon to represent California?



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

I'M NOT SURE how to feel about the California Assembly's recent decision to replace the statue of Thomas Starr King in the U.S. Capitol with one of Ronald Reagan. The lone abstention was Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley/El Cerrito, who told her colleagues they should have taken more time to consider the idea.)

On the one hand, Starr King was a really good guy. More than anyone else, he was the man who kept California loyal to the Union during the Civil War. He traveled up and down the state, making speech after speech and raising tons of money for the Sanitary Commission, the forerunner of the Red Cross. But the exertion ruined his health, and he died when he was just 39.

I also wonder whether it is far too soon to pass judgment on Reagan. And there's something vaguely Stalinist about replacing the icons in our national Pantheon according to political whims of the day.

On the other hand, it could have been worse: At least they didn't choose Richard Nixon.

Each state is entitled to substitute statues of one or two citizens "illustrious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military services."

Some states have really cool statues, such as Oklahoma (Will Rogers and Chief Sequoyah), Hawaii (King Kamehameha the First and Father Damien, "the leper priest") and Utah (Brigham Young and Philo T. Farnsworth, the guy who invented television).

But other states chose people who deserve to replaced. One of New York's statues is Alexander Hamilton, whose only claim to fame is that he was Vice President of the Confederacy. Surely Martin Luther King Jr. would be a better choice.

I'm not crazy about one of Georgia's statues, Robert Livingston, either. He was a delegate to the Continental Congress who voted against the Declaration of Independence and refused to sign it. Let's replace him with Eleanor Roosevelt.

One of Tennessee's statues is John Sevier, the state's first governor. Not bad, but I have a better candidate — Elvis, of course. (Whether it's the young, thin Elvis or the old, fat Elvis is up to the people of Tennessee. Thank you very much.)

I'm certain most Alabamans would cheer if their state's statue of educator Joseph Curry were replaced by football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.

And Nevada has only one statue, which means there's plenty of room for Bugsy Siegel.

But getting back to California, the thing that's puzzling me is why they picked on Thomas Starr King instead of our state's other statue, Father Junipero Serra.

When I was a kid back in the '50s, Father Serra was the star of our California history course. They taught us that he was a kindly friar who accompanied the Conquistadores as they traveled up the coast, founding missions and converting Indians everywhere he went.

But by the time I grew up, people began to realize that those conversions were — how shall I put it nicely? — somewhat less than voluntary. And Father Serra didn't seem like such a big hero anymore.

But if we dump Serra, who should be the replacement? Earl Warren? Great Supreme Court justice, great governor, great state attorney general, and the greatest D.A. Alameda County ever had. (He sent the entire Emeryville City Council to prison for corruption, and the Mob put a price on his head.)

Henry J. Kaiser? He built the Liberty ships that helped win World War II, and transformed the East Bay from a suburb of San Francisco to a metropolitan center of its own.

Or how about Walt Disney, Joe DiMaggio, John Steinbeck, Jerry Garcia, Pappy Waldorf, Bill Hewlitt, John Wooden, Allen Ginsberg or Sandy Koufax? Worthy candidates, but I have one that beats them all.

It's the ultimate California icon — Marilyn Monroe.

And I know which pose, too: in that famous white dress, standing over the air grate in "The Seven Year Itch."

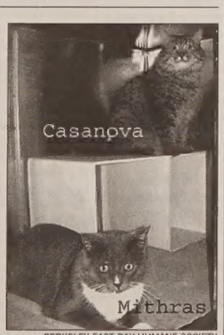
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PET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 1-year-old gray/white female Shih Tzu; 3-year-old white terrier mix; 2-year-old female Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever/yellow lab mix; 1-year-old female brown and white American pit bull terrier; 2-year-old female brown shepherd mix; 1-year-old and a 10-month-old black/white female border collie mix; 11-year-old male yellow Labrador retriever mix.

Cats: 1-year-old male brown tabby; 7-year-old female white/orange/black calico domestic short hair (DSH); 5-year-old female gray/white domestic medium hair (DMH); 5-year-old female gray DMH; 3-year-old male brown tabby European short hair; 5-year-old male black/white DSH; 1-year-old male brown tabby DSH; 3-year-old female gray/white DMH; 3-year-old female brown tabby DSH; 7-year-old male black/white DSH; 1-year-old female black DSH; 1-year-old male gray DSH; 4-year-old female orange tabby DSH; 5-year-old male black/white DMH; 7-year-old male black/white domestic long hair (DLH); 1-year-old female dilute tortoiseshell DSH; 5-year-old female black/white DSH; 2-year-old male gray tabby Tonkinese mix; 1-year-old female gray tabby DSH; 1-year-old male black/white DLH; 1-year-old female tortie DSH; 4-year-old female black DMH; 4-year-old female black DLH; 1-year-old female black DSH; 7-year-old female black/white DSH; 6-year-old female tabby Maine coon mix; 3-year-old male white/orange DSH; 4-year-old female gray tabby DSH; 3-year-old female black/white DSH.



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

CASANOVA AND MITHRAS are sharing the Pet of the Week, and may be available for adoption from the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Casanova, a 5-year-old male Norwegian Forest cat mix, and Mithras, a 3-year-old male gray-and-white domestic short hair cat, would love to find a home together. These two pets are both FeLV positive, and would need to remain indoors for the rest of their lives. For more information about animals available for adoptions, call or visit the Humane Society Adoption Center.

Adoption fee: dogs $125; cats $100 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays, one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. For a complete listing, visit ContraCostaTimes.com and click "other editions." Mail submissions to Pam Middings, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to voice@cctimes.com or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

MEETINGS

■ **East Bay Atheists** — annual picnic, 12-4:30 p.m. Oct. 1. Bring a dish to share; hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks provided. Big Leaf Picnic Area, Tilden Park, Berkeley. $8 donation. Details: Larry, 510-222-7580.

■ **El Cerrito Garden Club** — meeting, 9:30 a.m. Oct. 12. Kate Frey speaks on "Chelsea Garden Development in London." Plant sale, refreshments, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Guests welcome, $5. Details: 510-526-6827.

■ **Great War Society** — East Bay Chapter meeting, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 14. Topic: Military strategy of the Germans and British 1914-18, by Robert Deward. Details: 510-527-7118.

■ **Berkeley Garden Club** — meeting, 2 p.m. Oct. 17. Kim Haworth speaks on "Gorgeous Gardens Made Easy." Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Details: 510-524-7296.

■ **Fibromyalgia Support and Education Group** —"Show and Tell" rap session, 12-2 p.m. Oct. 17. Bring items, information, hot tips or humer that help them manage. No fragrances please. Herrick Campus, Maffly Auditorium, Alta Bates Hospital, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Free. Details: Deborah, 510-644-3273.

LEARNING

■ **Berkeley City College** — "Destination Studies: East and South Africa" class Sept. 30. 2050 Center St. Details: 510-981-2931, 510-981-2852, www.peralta.edu.

■ **El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative** — "Memories and Traditions" workshop, 7 p.m. Oct. 4. Child development expert Bev Bos discusses importance of tradition, examines value of childhood memories. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Free. Reservations: Paul, 510-525-6318 or ecpc_bevbos@yahoo.com; give phone number/email.



CONTRIBUTED

GIRL SCOUTS IN ALBANY, Berkeley, El Cerrito and Kensington are embracing a new environmental project called "Girls Scouts Save the Bay," where East Bay girls, their families, neighbors and adult leaders work together to protect and restore the Bay. To kick off this new environmental project and to show off what they're doing to save the Bay, these scouts are hosting Amazing Bay Day!, an environmental-themed festival for kids and families, at the Berkeley Marina's Adventure Playground from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are $5 advance/$7 day of event. Children under 5 are free. To register or for more information, visit www.GirlScoutsSavetheBay.org or call 510-562-8470, Ext. 170

■ **My Toddler and Me Discovery Group** — 10-11:15 a.m. Oct. 5, 12, 19; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7. Creative, nurturing and interactive group for babies and toddlers' ages 12-24 months of age and their parents. Jewish Community Center of the East Bay, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. 10 weeks/$110-$125, drop in $13. Details: 510-848-0237, Ext. 127 or ruthp@brjcc.org.

■ **Ecology Center** — East Bay Environmental Training Program, Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 7-Nov. 11. Course provides a sustainability and justice framework for understanding environmental issues. Includes guest speakers, field trips, discussions, course readings, student projects, and an evening film series. Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. $75-$150. Registration: 510-548-2220, Ext. 233 or erc@ecologycenter.org.

■ **"Is an Israeli-Palestinian Peace Still Possible?"** — lecture by Khaled Abu Toameh, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28. Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. $15. Details: 510-525-3582.

■ **Alameda County Leadership Academy** — interactive forum of classes, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 17, Feb. 7, March 7. For county residents interested in learning first hand about Alameda County while developing leadership and communication skills. Application deadline: Oct. 13. Details: 510-272-6984 or www.acgov.org.

■ **Widows/Widowers Grief Recovery Class** — Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. through Nov. 14. Find hope, support and successful ways to process this significant life event. First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St. Preregistration required. $5. Details: Laurel, 510-848-6252, Ext. 241.

■ **Berkeley Adult School** — Offers classes: High School Diploma, GED preparation, Vocational Training Classes, Preparation for Citizenship, English as a Second Language, and more. 1701 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: call Mondays-Thursdays 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 510-644-6130. Register: http://bas.berkeley.net.

RELIGION

■ **Kol Hadash** — Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Service, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1; music led by Cantorial Soloist Bon Singer; Kol Nidre on cello by Mike Potter; shofar by Bill Nemoyten. Sunday Brunch Program, 10 a.m.-noon Oct. 15: "Judaism Without God? Understanding Humanistic Judaism" with Rabbi Jay Heyman and Marcia Grossman, $5. Services led by Rabbi Jay Heyman. Free. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Details: 510-428-1492 or info@kolhadash.org.

■ **Chochmat HaLev congregation** — Innovative High Holy Days services open to public. Erev Yom Kippur, 7 p.m. Oct. 1. Yom Kippur, 10 a.m. Oct. 2. First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way. Details: 510-704-9687 or www.joyfuljew.org.

■ **CommUNITY** — Sukkah Dinner Party and Comedy, 6 p.m. Oct. 12. Marc Weiner presents "Kiddush: The Ultimate Battlefield," humorous reflections on becoming a traditional Jew. Kosher Italian dinner. Congregation Beth Israel, 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. $36, $18 for children 3-12. R.S.V.P.: Sharalyn, 510-540-5824 or adminceb@pacbell.net. Mail paid reservations to: 2643 College Ave., Berkeley CA 94704.

■ **Jewish Community Center of the East Bay** — Jewish Time of Rejoicing! What Brings You Joy? with Rabbi Bridget Wynne with Sukkot lunch, 11:30 a.m. Oct. 9, $6 lunch, 510-848-0237, Ext. 110. "Judaism and Awakening Joy," 7:30-9 p.m. Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 12; with Rabbi Margie Jacobs; $5-$25 donation/class, details: margie@ijs-online.org. "How to be a Tough Target" self defense seminar for women, 7 p.m. Oct. 9, 1 p.m. Oct. 12; $5. Help a Child Learn to Read, 2 p.m. Oct. 10; 510-839-2900, Ext. 272. "Leonardo Live! An Evening with Leonardo da Vinci" with Rob Weiner, 7 p.m. Oct. 15; $10-$12. 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Details: 510-848-0237, info@brjcc.org or www.brjcc.org.

CHILDREN/TEENS

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science** — "Grossology: the (Impolite) Science of the Human Body" exhibit, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 30-Jan. 7. Meet Grossology originator Sylvia Branzei, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 30. Annual Halloween Party, 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 28; Her Grossness Sylvia Branzei gives special shows at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., $12-$14; reservations: 510-642-5134. One Centennial Drive, Berkeley. $5.50-$9.50. Details: 510-642-5132 or www.lawrencehallofscience.org.

■ **Youth Leadership Program** — "Youth Leadership 2006-07." Five-session program focused on leadership and local government designed specifically for Alameda County high school juniors and seniors. Applications accepted through Oct. 6. Get applications at 510-272-6984 or www.acgov.org.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

1247 Marin Ave. 510-526-3720 or www.aclibrary.org

Hours: Mondays, noon to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, closed; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The library offers free drop-in homework help for students in third through fifth grades. The Homework Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays (except county holidays) from 3 to 5 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required.

■ The Friends of the Albany Library annual meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. It will feature local author Ellen Ekstrom reading from her new book, "The Legacy," a historical novel set in 14th century Italy. A special cake will be served. Everyone is invited.

■ The library presents featured poet Camille T. Dungy from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday. A new associate professor of creative writing at San Francisco State University, Dungy has taught and published widely, earning many awards, including ones from the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Antiquarian Society.

■ The library presents a drop-in poetry-writing workshop led by Alison Seevak from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11. Seevak is an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

■ The library presents story times in English and Spanish for babies, toddlers and preschoolers on Saturdays from Oct. 7 through Dec. 9 (except Nov. 25). This 30-minute drop-in program will include stories, songs and rhymes in both languages.

■ Readers with the Great Books Discussion club meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. to discuss selected books on this year's theme of "Parent and Child." The October book is "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams; the November book is "The Judgment" by Franz Kafka. Drop-ins are welcome.

■ Join the city of Albany, the Albany Library and the Albany Unified School District in the first Albany Reads program. Copies of this year's book, "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, are available at the library through November. The library will also gratefully accept donated copies in good condition. A book discussion led by Susan Charlip will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Albany Community Center. On Oct. 25, the film "Osama" will be shown followed by a discussion led by Elsie De Laere and Marianne Grady from 7 to 9 p.m. at the community center. The final event from 2 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the community center will feature Humaira Ghilzai and Elsie De Laere of Afghan Friends.

■ Weekly singalongs are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. with Dale Allen Boland. The sessions are free and for all ages. No registration required.

■ Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary.

El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave.
510-526-7512 or www.ccclib.org

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The library will offer Internet classes on the following Saturdays at 10 a.m. All classes last one hour. Please register in advance. Sept. 30: Useful Web sites; Oct. 28: Finding Travel Information; Nov. 4: Newspaper and Magazine Articles; Nov. 25: Health and Medical Information.

■ Children and their families are invited to the library for a series of Monday evening family story times through Nov. 13. Each meeting,

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should ha a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a mome to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jeffers

GUEST COMMENTARY

Why El Cerrito should enforce term limits

By Rosemary Loubal

THE JOURNAL published an editorial on Aug. 4 saying that since few people wanted to serve on city boards or the City Council, Janet Ableson had the right to violate the long-standing El Cerrito term limits tradition. That view is naive and unfounded.

We have four candidates for council, including two new applicants, in addition to two current members, one of whom has already served the traditional limit of two terms. We have more than 100 El Cerrito citizens who serve on unpaid boards and commissions.

Your editorial did not present the many reasons why term limits are necessary and are standard at all levels of government. Even the president and governor cannot run more that two terms!

Long-term elected officials are at risk of:

1. Becoming cronies of civil servants or special interests and not seeing the larger issues.

2. Losing contact with their constituency and becoming more interested in maintaining their position than in doing good work for those they represent.

3. Developing so much power that they are hard to challenge. Without term limits, it is hard for fellow legislators or citizens to ask a long-term colleague to resign and make room for new voices, which all organizations need.

Without term limits the public is afraid to support or ask for new elected officials because, even in El Cerrito, some citizens fear retaliation from the "established" legislators and their contacts in civil service or city staff, as in "You can't beat City Hall."

Now we have a situation where 25 years after all El Cerrito elected officials agreed not to run beyond two terms, one council member who would be termed out this fall has applied to run for a third term.

This violation of community norms has not been publicly discussed by the current council. Does this mean they too plan to run for a third or more terms? Surely, everyone on this council cannot approve of what this one council member is doing. No, they too are probably afraid to speak up.

If a "termed out" council member wanted to change the agreement on term limits, instead of suddenly saying she was going to run a third time, she should have discussed this publicly at council meetings, so that everyone could express opinions about it. Or she could have asked council members to put it on the ballot for year 2008. But she did no such thing.

I understand that several former El Cerrito mayors do not support Abelson's candidacy for a third term. Citizens should think carefully about voting for someone who violates city customs just because she feels like it. Abelson's behavior in breaking the term limit agreement is dishonorable and self-serving, and leads to questions about her judgment on other issues.

Rosemary Loubal is an El Cerrito resident.

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Cities

El Cerrito: City offices, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 510-215-4300. E-mail: citycouncil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

Albany: City offices, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany. 510- 528-5710.

Kensington: Fire Protection District 217 Arlington Blvd. 510-527-8395

Police Protection and Community Services District 217 Arlington Blvd. 510-526-4141

School boards

West Contra Costa Unified School District: 510-620-2246

Albany Unified School District: 510-558-3766

NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

City government

ALBANY

City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave. 510-528-5710

Mayor Allan Maris

City Council — Meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays at the City Hall Council Chamber.

Community Development — Includes planning, building and maintenance. 510-528-5760

Web site: www.albanyca.org

EL CERRITO

City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. 510-215-4300.

Mayor Janet Abelson

City Council — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. 510-215-4305.

Public Works — Report problems with city trees and sidewalks, burned-out street lights, potholes and clogged storm drains. 510-215-4382.

Recycling Center — 7501 Schmidt Lane. 510-215-4350.

Web site: www.el-cerrito.org

KENSINGTON

Municipal Advisory Council — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Addresses zoning and land-use issues. 510-526-5546.

Police Protection and Community Services District — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, except August, at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Addresses Police Department, Parks and Recreation and solid waste issues. 510-526-4141.

Fire Protection District — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 510-527-8395.

Emergency numbers

Albany, El Cerrito or Kensington fire, police or medical: 911.

Non-emergency

Albany fire — 510-528-5770

Albany police — 510-525-7300

El Cerrito, Kensington Fire — 510-215-4450.

El Cerrito Police — 510-237-3233.

Kensington Police — 510-233-1214; business line 510-526-4141.

Sewer problems — Stege Sanitary Service. 510-524-4667.

Water services — East Bay Municipal Utility District. 510-287-1380, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or 510-835-3000 after 4:30 p.m.

Libraries

Albany — 1247 Marin Ave. Open noon to 6 p.m. on Mondays; noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed Fridays and Sundays. 510-526-3720

El Cerrito — 6510 Stockton Ave. Open noon-8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursdays, 1-5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays. 510-526-7512.

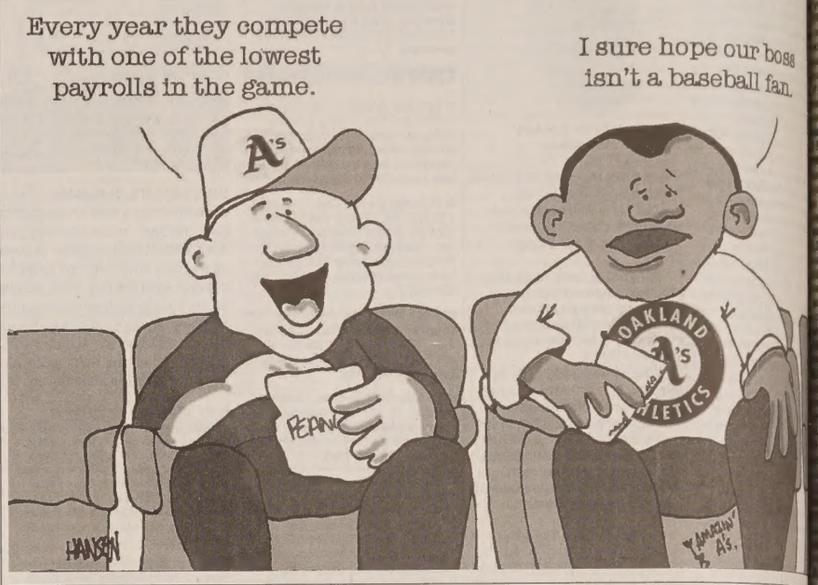
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Parks and recreation

Albany Recreation Programs — Community center, 1249 Marin Ave. Classes and room rental available. 510-524-9283 Child care center, 1331 Portland Ave. 510-524-0135 Teen center, 900 Buchanan St. 510-525-0576 University Village Recreation, 1125 Jackson St. 510-524-4926 Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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THOSE A'S ARE ALWAYS IN IT AT THE END OF THE SEASON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to article

I wish to respond to a Sept. 22 front-page article in the Journal.

I've had a full life, but I'm certainly a neophyte when it comes to the pressures of being an Albany City Council candidate. No one lives their life without making mistakes. The question is: "How does someone respond to those mistakes?"

I made the mistake of picking up a handful of my opponent's campaign fliers while I was going door to door. I've taken responsibility for that mistake, and I've apologized for it.

I had an ethically and morally impeccable 35-year career in public health, serving a desperately undeserved community. You can use that as a basis for judging my qualifications for this position or you can focus on one aberrant act.

The fact is that I let myself react in anger. I read my opponent's campaign flier and found it filled with unjustified assertions. The very first statement in the flier is: "Any waterfront plan that takes privately held parcels and turns them into public lands will irrevocably shift the tax burden from the commercial sector to the homeowners."

That's simply not true.

Albany homeowners have not had to pay a cent toward the Eastshore State Park. A variety of environmentally responsible small-scale development plans for the waterfront would generate more income for Albany than the current racetrack or recently proposed mall. Moreover, the increased taxable value of a small-scale development could easily make up for parcels converted to open space.

On a smaller piece of property, the Target store generates $450,000 in sales tax per year compared with the declining betting revenues from Golden Gate Fields that currently bring in $500,000.

I'm a person of integrity who made a mistake. The much larger mistake would be if Albany residents allow the irrevocable development of one of the last pieces of open space on San Francisco Bay.

Joanne Wile
Albany

Past time to focus on issues

The night of Sept. 16, between 40 and 60 Marge Atkinson and Joanne Wile large signs were removed or stolen from Albany yards.

It is time for this campaign to focus on the issues important to Albany: What will happen to our shoreline? Do we want a shoreline that has open space and small development that is integrated into the landscape? Or do we want a commercial center with increased traffic and pollution?

Atkinson and Wile want our shoreline to be part of the small town of Albany. Francesco Papalia and Carol O'Keefe have been Caruso supporters. O'Keefe hosted a Caruso house meeting. Papalia's campaign manager was a paid Caruso employee here in Albany.

Although Caruso is presently out of the picture, he has a history of coming back to an area where he wants to build.

The Albany City Council will determine the legacy of our shoreline. Atkinson and Wile promote small business development in the San Pablo corridor and our wonderful Solano Avenue. They promote small-town development, not Los Angeles-style growth. We have a unique main street in Albany. Let's shop in town and not by the shoreline.

Elect the Save Our Shoreline Team and keep Caruso and his developments far away.

Naomi Puro
Albany

Any means to win?

I am an environmentalist. I'm quite sure of it.

During my post on the Albany Waterfront Committee, I stood up for the birds migrating through our wetlands and wrote articles about them for Journal readers. I am a docent for a bird sanctuary and support many environmental groups — except, recently, the Sierra Club.

As an environmentalist, I assumed that whatever "my groups" supported and did was good and right. Alas, I learn even environmentalism is not so simple. There may be a bigger picture and ethical issues as well. And therein lies the problem.

The Albany waterfront is not simply an environmental issue. I wish it were. It would require so little thought about how to vote and what position to take. But Albany is like a family. There are fiscal responsibilities and priorities that must be taken into account.

Do you deny your family health, safety and good schools? Do you let your house fall to ruin for lack of care?

The first clue leading to my rude awakening came when I read an article in the Sierra Club Yodeler which grossly misrepresented facts concerning the Albany waterfront and about which I had a good understanding. It appeared designed to manipulate club members and anyone else who read it. Whoa! Can I trust leaders in "my groups" who use means that I abhor?

What are we to make of people who think their cause is so just that they use any means necessary to win? Sound familiar? What do you think?

Suzanne Conrad
Albany

Lapse of judgment

While some may be praising the *mea culpa* of the candidate for Albany City Council who recently was caught red-handed removing the literature of an opposing council candidate from residents' porches, others are deeply concerned about the implication of this act and what it says about the candidate's personal ethics and temperament for such an office.

Many believe the ability of individuals to rise above their emotions and allow more rational selves to prevail is n only desirable but essential for anyon seeking public office.

The media are filled daily with in dents where lapses in judgment ha caused embarrassment and worse.

The tactics used by some in higher o fice have been met with resounding d approval by most. These officeholders certainly not good role models for u young people and we, rightfully, becom concerned about not only what other m deeds may have occurred but also wh the lack of self control portends for t future.

Stressful campaigns pale in compa son to disputes and decisions elected o ficials find themselves having to deal wi

My opinion is that being for or agai one issue in a campaign does not hel to make this or any other individual a d sirable candidate. There remain thos people who deserve to call themselv candidates. Lapse in judgment has eli inated her.

Jean De Jo
Alba

Please return stolen campaign signs

When I woke up Sunday morning w went outside to pick up the newspaper discovered that my Joanne Wile a Marge Atkinson for Albany City Coun signs had been stolen out of my garde

Then, I looked down the street an saw that my neighbors' Wile and Atk son for City Council signs also had be stolen.

It turns out that more than 30 hous in Albany had Wile and Atkinson sig stolen from their yards (some more th once). We reported this to the police, a the person or people responsible have been found. (Perhaps they're trapped u der the weight of all those signs.)

I ask the "campaign sign borrowe to please return my signs — no questio asked. I know those people are take good care of them by making sure th get plenty of rest hiding in their gara or the trunk of their car. But life aroun here just isn't the same without them. A lawn looks so bare.

Cheryl Tanbe
Alba

Ludicrous statement

In his Sept. 22 letter in the Jour Paul Klein states that Albany has "be corrupted by megaspending environ mentalists."

Those of us who work and volun for environmental organizations can wish we could come anywhere near co peting with developers in terms of d lars spent. Fortunately, enough people willing to make small donations and unteer their time that we can sometim be successful in opposing overdeve ment in sensitive and unique areas s as our waterfront.

The supporters of large-scale de opment on the waterfront must be t ting truly desperate to make such a ri crous statement.

Those of use who support Ma Atkinson and Joanne Wile for Albany Council do so because we believe the will work to support Albany's long-te interests and not be lured by promise quick fixes and short-term profits.

Mark Mo
Alb

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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ADMISSIONS: For parents bound juniors, Jim Walker, bany High principal and nselor who is now a private nsultant, is offering a two- ge admissions course, Admissions 101." The dates Oct. 3, and Thursday, p.m. in Room 210. To reg- Albany Adult School at ss. Information is also in the AHS counseling office. **ERS:** On a recent visit to Safe- you receive a coupon that Bank to Schools" and has chool bus? If that coupon ntion code" number, it in the box in the AHS of- do. AHS PTSA will get free you would like information ing an eScrip member, go pscrip.com and look for group bany High School PTA," No. 13682543.

CIL: It's time for the elec- ment members to the AHS cil. The Site Council is re- for creating a School and rovement Plan each year, ocating the expenditure of ,000-$90,000 of SLIP funds. s been mailed to each AHS . Each AHS parent is eligi- . A printable copy of the also available on the parent page of the AHS Web site at k12.ca.us/ahs/parents_re- . Direct questions to the 510-558-2528.

SICAL: The Albany High cal and Performing Arts De- spring musical production is "A Chorus Line." Audi- 4-8. You must bring a white photograph and a sheet to the auditions. If any questions, please see or Ms. Shibano as soon

This year the date for the turday, Oct. 21 at 8 a.m. at The test is very similar to reasoning Test except: 1) it is measures not only verbal reasoning, but also has a oice writing section; and 3)

scores on each section range from 20– 80. Most college-bound juniors take this test. Registration for the Albany High School PSAT starts on Monday, and the cost is $22 (exact change, cash or check), payable to Albany High School. Priority registration for juniors will be Monday through Wednesday. Sophomore registration is Thursday and Friday. Registration is during lunch at the outside bookroom window.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: If your Albany Athletic Booster membership is not up to date for 2006-2007, you can get a form out of the parent handbook or contact a member of the Boosters. Your membership assists the sports teams and is tax deductible.

Albany Middle School

CHESS CLASSES: Kids College still has space in after-school Chess classes on Wednesdays, 2:15-3:15. The $95 enrollment fees will be prorated for the eight upcoming sessions. Siblings receive a 50 percent discount. Classes are taught by the Berkeley Chess School. Contact Meiling Lincoff at 510-524-5129 or LincoffA@aol..com.

Cornell Elementary

SCHOOL OPENINGS: There are a few openings for para-educator (8:30-11:30) and noon supervisor (11:45-12:45). The two positions can be combined for four hours per day. No experience is necessary. Training is provided. If you have questions contact the school office (510-558-3700) or the district Personnel Office (510-558-3757).

Ocean View Elementary

POTLUCK TONIGHT: The International Potluck is this evening, 5:30-8, in the main courtyard. Families from all grades are welcome. Bring your favorite dish and come and share many culinary delights. You are encouraged to wear traditional clothing.

— Bob Menzimer

E-mail school notes to Bob Menzimer at megabob@pacbell.net.

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o High School

ORATIVE BRICKS: Inscribed commemorate the rebuilding o High School are now k sales are a fund-raiser ool's annual Grad Nite, an ivity in a safe and sober en- nt that parents host for gradu- rs. "Surprise your child, ily member or teacher, re- graduation or just enjoy the ur name or your child's ur new campus," reads the e 2007 Grad Nite Com- ck, which can be inscribed three lines of text, will be on a first-come, first-serve 50 donation. Forms are the school office and at nts such as football games o obtain an order form by Judy Sanders at 510-233- ebricks@yahoo.com

— Chris Treadway

Elementary

BERSHIP: Membership drive . If you have not already ase renew your PTA p for 2006-2007. The mem- e is $10 per person but par- couraged to give more. al membership forms: Harding Web site: ngpta.org. The next PTA ll be Monday, Oct. 2, at 7 Harding Library. Child care eeded. Everyone is wel-

E: The Welcome Back barbe- noon to 3 p.m. Saturday Park. Please enter on C

SOCIAL/BOOK FAIR: The Social is Thursday, Oct. 12, ook Fair is Oct. 10-12. All ressed benefit the Harding

Box Tops for Education Friday, Oct. 20. Look for ops Education" coupons on s you purchase. Money supports the HASEP school-

EA BRICKS: Students, par- ers, teams, groups and are invited to commemo- building of Harding by buy- cribed brick for the newly playground (near the ntens). The cost per brick is ividuals and $100 for busi- organizations. Please do- if you can. For more infor- ntact Tim Pine at 559.

SH LIST: The office staff

R ACTIVITIES

nior Center — Week- 5 p.m. 846 Masonic Ave. k, bridge, chess, needle- events, literature, writing dancing, exercise, art rest information. 510-524-

theran Senior Center — 0 a.m.-2 p.m. 780 Ashbury rnational German and rrent events, computers, . Monday, the topic will massage styles. 510-524-

's Senior Center — Tues- 2 p.m. 6500 Gladys Ave. ial Spanish, and card mes. Tuesday, a repre- from the League of Women present pros and cons on es in the upcoming elec- p.m. 510-237-3808.

Steel

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against city and state agencies that the third building didn't need a filter.

But since then, neighborhood complaints about the smell coming from the plant have prompted the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and a group called Communities for a Better Environment to sue Pacific Steel for polluting the air.

Pacific Steel agreed in a legal settlement last December with the air district to build the carbon-absorption unit, and to develop an odor-management plan for the entire plant. Saying the company was dragging its feet, the air district then sued the company in August in Alameda County Superior Court to get it to abide by its 2005 agreement.

Communities for a Better Environment also sued Pacific Steel earlier this summer under the federal Clean Air Act in San Francisco's federal district court to get it to comply with the air district's settlement agreement.

The company pours molten metal into molds made with sand for castings that go on truck parts, sewer pipes and tractor parts, among others, Jewel said. A binder used to help the sand keep its form has been identified as a possible culprit of the burning plastic smell created when molten metal heats it up.

Last year, Pacific Steel brought in $100 million in revenue.

Officials and community groups that have been critical of the company registered surprise that it really is going to place the filter at the plant.

"Really? Hmm," said Nabil Al-Hadithy, Berkeley's manager of the Toxics Management Division. "That's fantastic. I am very pleased. I wish this had happened a dozen years ago."

Al-Hadithy said the filters "will go a long way to alleviate the concerns of the neighborhoods," but the community is still waiting on a health risk assessment being conducted as part of the settlement agreement.

Adrienne Bloch, staff attorney for Communities for a Better Environment, was enthusiastic but skeptical.

"We think it's great if they comply with the settlement agreement they had with the air district," Bloch said. "What we really want is for our communities to be protected. We're glad they're making steps toward that, but our case is still moving forward on an expedited schedule."

Library

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which begins at 7 p.m. and lasts about a half-hour, will include songs and fingerplays as well as stories on a particular theme. The themes for the remaining story times: Oct. 2 — Mouse Tales; Oct. 9 — Twist & Twirl (stories about dancing); Oct. 16 — Splish Splash! (stories about bathtime); Oct. 23 — ABC/123; Oct. 30 — Cats & Bats & Pumpkins, Oh My! (Halloween stories)

■ The fall series of Lapsit storytimes (formerly known as Babytime and Toddlertime) will continue through Nov. 16. These story times, which meet on Thursdays at 10:15 and 11 a.m., are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes, and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplays in addition to the stories.

Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave.
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■ The next meeting of the library's book club will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, when it will discuss "The Piano Tuner" by David Mason.

■ Meetings of the library's knitting club, "Castoffs," are scheduled for 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month. All levels are welcome, and some help will be provided.

■ Honk like a goose and chatter like a chimp as children's author Gretchen Woelfle reads her book "Animal Families, Animal Friends" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Learn how an idea becomes a published book. All ages are welcome.

— Craig Lazzeretti

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Katsu Sushi
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West Alameda's newest restaurant, Katsu Sushi, invites guests to an upscale dining experience with classic simplicity. Chef Sang Kim prepares all dishes from scratch, and seafood is brought in fresh, directly from Japan. The menu is extensive, ranging from an extraordinary selection of sushi and sashimi, Udon/Soba, Donburi (over rice dishes), to pasta and an impressive variety of sake. Architect Duk Lee has created a dramatic backdrop for guests, marrying modern art with traditional design elements. Attention to even the most minor aesthetic detail is also mirrored in the elegant presentation of Katsu's dishes, offerings that are as much a work of art to the palate as to the eye. *Katsu is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday and on Sunday from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Reservations recommended.*

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Park

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designers, educational exhibits and refreshments.

Free T-shirts will be given to people who sign up to join the Baxter Creek Gateway Stewards program, in which volunteers take an active role in managing the park's ecosystem.

"I think we feel as a city both very proud of it, and really excited to see it adopted, used and appreciated by the community," Mintz said.

Maryann Aberg, co-founder of Friends of Baxter Creek, said Saturday's celebration is a chance to "reflect with pride on a 10-year effort to save one of the last open spaces in the city."

"Instead of building a monument to consumerism at this site, the city courageously joined with residents to restore a neglected waterway and create a peaceful place for children and their families to enjoy," Aberg said. "For generations to come, this park will symbolize the power of grassroots efforts to transform El Cerrito into a sustainable, attractive and hospitable community."

In 1997, Aberg and Lisa Viani formed Friends of Baxter Creek in response to plans to expand a Lucky grocery store on top of the creek. The proposed development would have buried the creek beneath a grocery store and parking lot, according to the organization's Web site.

Albertsons bought out Lucky Stores' parent company, and did not pursue the expansion. Members of Friends of Baxter Creek continued to work to prevent development.

The park property features a critical stretch of the creek and the Ohlone Greenway, according to the organization's Web site.

The 1.6-acre parcel is located between Key Boulevard and San Pablo Avenue and between Conlon Avenue and south of Macdonald Avenue.

The land was a flat, weed-covered old railroad property, Mintz said. The creek, which was in an earthen ditch, had been moved to the far east perimeter to make room for railroad tracks, and there was a big berm, she said. The Ohlone Greenway ended at Conlon Avenue.

In 2002, El Cerrito bought the site from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. with a $350,000 grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy and $50,000 in city funds.

The city also received grants of $100,000 from the Coastal Conservancy and more than $492,000 from the State Water Resources Control Board. The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency also contributed more than $378,000.

The project included restoring about 900 feet of the creek, planting native upland and riparian plants, creating gathering spaces, extending the greenway to San Pablo Avenue, improving the San Pablo streetscape, and installing signs, which include topics on watersheds, restoration and the history of the land.

The project was a collaboration of residents, Friends of Baxter Creek, the Watershed Project and the city. It was awarded the Contra Costa Watershed Forum's 2005 Watershed Project of the Year.

Mintz said the design was based on what was the best path for the creek, and how it could have the most curves to allow for more habitat.

The park isn't finished growing, though. The trees are still small, and the native plants will continue to expand.

"It will continue to grow and change over time," Mintz said. "And just get better."

For more information on the Baxter Creek Gateway Stewards program, contact Ocean Halbert, community programs coordinator for the Watershed Project, at ocean@thewatershedproject.org or 510-665-3686.

Staff writer Chris Treadway contributed to this story.

Writing

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director of the non-profit Community Alliance for Learning (CAFL), which developed WriterCoach Connection. This year, writer coaching will reach every eighth- and ninth-grade class at AMS and AHS, about 800 students.

But as Menzimer explains, "The real story is not the numbers. It's what kids, teachers and coaches get out of this connection between community volunteers and students in school. There's no other program like it in Albany."

WriterCoach Connection has received positive reviews from volunteers, students and teachers alike. "It is truly wonderful to witness a student's thrill at making a personal connection with the world through enhanced writing ability," said Albany High coach Marilyn Jossens.

Evan Schwartz, a student at Albany High, received coaching last year. He said the experience was "definitely helpful," and he liked getting a new perspective on his writing.

"You write a lot of essays for your teacher," said Schwartz, "so you get used to the type of comments they make. It's helpful to work with someone with a different voice."

Albany High teacher Ian Murray thinks the program is effective. "My students have told me how valuable the experience is for them," said Murray. "And I have seen how coaching has made them blossom as writers."

Parnaz Foroutan, another Albany High teacher, appreciates the individual attention coaching provides. "Our kids are starved for a more personal relationship with their educators," she said. "In a classroom of 35, that is very hard to achieve. Coaching helps fill this void."

Site coordinators at both schools are now scheduling training (six hours total) to prepare [illegible] help young writers [illegible] els at every point [illegible] process. Coaches [illegible] backgrounds, and [illegible] ers or editors — [illegible]

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Chief

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a little bit too early."

The board's moves were all recommended by the Executive Search Ad-hoc Committee. Brown Taylor, the interim chief/general manager, said the committee is "doing an admirable job."

Director Pat McLaughlin, the committee chairwoman, said the new chief/general manager "has to have real management skills, and that would be important in both roles."

Taylor, whose job includes looking at whether the post of chief/general manager should be separated, recommended that it should remain a joint role.

Taylor said there was no justification for an additional executive person in the district. On the police side of the district, there is one police chief for four sergeants. On the park side, there is one additional person.

"The structure is very good, and very manageable," Taylor said. "The span of control is perfect. You're not burdened with a lot of extra duties."

The discussions in the committee meetings, he said, focused on looking for someone who has been involved in managing areas beyond police services.

"We're looking for a person that's a good general manager, and we want to stay focused on that," he said.

The committee also recommended the use of the recruiting firm instead of handling the search itself. The board would have needed to hire someone else part time, which would cost thousands of dollars, McLaughlin said.

"We decided that it just made no sense given what we had learned to go in that direction," she said.

Haxo said that if the board tried to conduct the search itself, it would not be as efficient as the professionals. The board wouldn't be able to recruit candidates as well, and would need to hire someone to do background checks.

The firm will seek a pool of candidates who meet requirements, from which probably three will be presented to the board for final consideration.

Haxo said there may be some tinkering as the process progresses.

The estimated cost is between $20,000 and $25,000, with limited impact on the district's resources.

The timeline calls for a contract with an executive search firm to be signed no later than Jan. 1. A 90-day recruitment will occur from January through March, according to the timeline.

Taylor said it is a flexible schedule that can be adjusted, though, he said, it won't be moved back.

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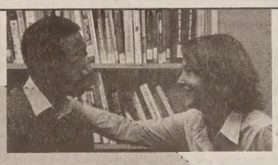
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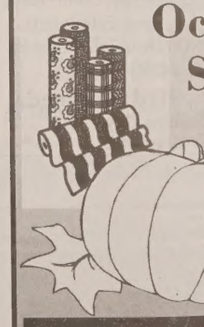
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arket changes require strategy shift



DON DUNNING
What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

w, the downturn in the real rket is not news. That e alone is not enough for a buyer or seller, to make sions.

o need specifics about nds and direction in our e. With that information, e able to determine what ake, and when to take

s are up; sales are down. o get a statistical overview rket in the first nine of 2005 vs. 2006 (Jan. 1 ugh 15), I did a Multiple ing (MLS) search of res- erties listed and sold most popular Oakland

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ult of this questionable e that approximately 10 of the MLS listings sur- e actually repeats, not I did not adjust MLS fig- count for these multiple ecause the year-to-year ons remain valid.

are higher, but moderat- asking and selling prices eased since last year. Nev- e, the difference between narrowed another sign of the "normalizing" of residential real estate.

For the first nine and one-half months of last year, the median sales price was $677,000 with a median list price of $619,000, i.e., homes sold at about nine per cent higher than the asking price. This year, the $699,000 median sales price has dropped to less than four per cent above the $675,000 median list price.

The data above show that although sellers in 2006 are asking more, their expectation of a similar run-up in selling prices needs to be tempered by a changed reality. Despite the fact that buyers are quicker (and happy) to accept a slowing market, some sellers still struggle with the concept.

Don't expect prices to crash. History has shown that home prices tend to rise quickly, but fall gradually. If you are a buyer waiting for major price reductions, it could be quite awhile.

Even so, if the economy goes into recession for a year or more, that could trigger the third phase of the real estate cycle: a buyer's market.

See "When Will the Real Estate Bubble Burst?" on my Web site, www.eastbayrealtypro.com.

"Normal" market considerations

In a seller's market, inventory is so low and demand so high that even houses with serious defects sell fast and for top dollar. Today, less stylish properties, those with structural issues and/or ones in challenging neighborhoods will sit unsold unless attractively priced.

Issues such as location, school ratings, number of steps, floor plan, outside living, sunny vs. dark, construction quality, convenience to shops and many others, are more important to buyers because they find themselves with greater leverage.

Buyers ask for concessions when the market changes. Increasingly, we will see buyers requesting, and sellers agreeing to, items such as credits for closing costs and/or repairs.

"As is" sales could become less common. In particular cases, sellers may offer incentives, such as interest rate "buy-downs," trips or merchandise for buyers, or additional real estate fees or "bonuses" for selling agents.

As a seller, look for an agent who understands your neighborhood and how your particular property fits into the overall market. Overpricing today is a much bigger mistake than in the recent past.

You want someone who will analyze the variables and help you come up with a realistic price and marketing approach. Remember that, in a slowing market, recent sold prices might be indicative of a more active market that no longer exists.

Multiple offers, common until recently, will occur less frequently and cannot be counted on by sellers.

Marketing time, days on market from list to close, will be longer. For sellers, this must be factored into plans for buying another property, leaving the area, etc. For buyers, this means a less frenetic approach to making offers.

Final thoughts

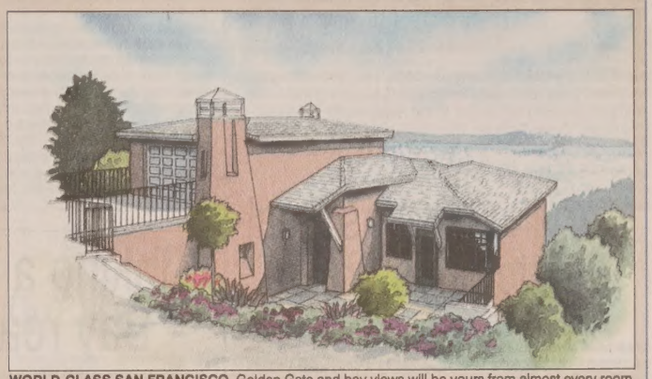
A "normal" market may seem strange to inexperienced buyers, sellers and agents, but it is welcomed by long-time real estate professionals. Our seller's market, that lasted about nine years, was a magnet that tripled the number of real estate agents in this area.

Whether you are a buyer or seller, now more than ever, you need a Realtor who has been through all the cycles and will use that experience in your best interests. The era of order-taking is over.

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Marvin Gardens Real Estate goes green

Marvin Gardens Real Estate has been awarded the Green Business Certification from Contra Costa County. After meeting with representatives of PG&E, EBMUD, and the West County Waste District, Marvin Gardens has established business practices that will have a less negative impact on the environment than the average office.

Marvin Gardens has recycled waste paper for a long time, but recent improvements such as using recycled paper, replacing old windows and doors to increase insulation and lower heating use, and moving to more efficient lighting will all contribute greatly to a "greener" office.

Convincing the agents at Marvin Gardens to go green was easy.

"Our agents are very community involved in general, and were very enthusiastic about our seeking Green Certification," said office broker Marion Henon.

"Our biggest challenge was the amount of paper that we used. So, by switching to recycled paper for our copiers, using group e-mail instead of memos and reducing our junk mail and subscriptions we made a significant dent in our consumption of resources."

Marvin Gardens is currently the first and only real estate company to receive Green Certification from the county.

Green Certification is a growing trend among local businesses who feel that by making small changes in business practices, small businesses as a group can have a positive impact on our communities.

The Green Business program began for auto repair and printers, but as of July 1, 2002, the program expanded to all businesses. This includes health clubs, restaurants, hotels, dry cleaners, and dentists, as well as light industrial facilities.

Over 430 businesses have been certified in Alameda and Contra Costa County, as well as numerous public agencies.

Listings of local businesses who have achieved certification appear on the Green Business Web site. Prominent local businesses such as Trader Joes, The Mechanics Bank, Chez Panisse and REI have paved the way by popularizing this program.

This week's Open Home Guide starts on B21.

Think twice before cashing out retirement savi



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Money Mana

Not that long ago a good number of workers in this country would spend entire career with one employer and retire with a company pension plan. In many respects that scenario is a thing of the past. Not only are traditional pension plans disappearing, chances are you may end up changing careers – not just jobs – at least once or twice before you are ready to retire.

When you switch jobs one of the most important financial decisions you may be faced with is what to do with the money in your company 401(k) plan. While it may be tempting to withdraw that money and use it to cover other expenses, doing so could have very detrimental effects on your overall finances. Unfortunately, studies have shown that nearly half of workers do cash out of their 401(k) plans when they leave a job.

In addition to depriving yourself of valuable retirement savings, early cash-outs can subject you to hefty state and federal income taxes. You may also face an early withdrawal penalty of ten percent, reducing the value of your hard-earned savings even more. So, if you find yourself in the position of changing jobs, you may be wondering what your options are for your retirement plan funds.

Generally, you have four alternatives for handling the assets in your former employer's retirement plan. Your options include: rolling them into an IRA; taking a cash distribution; leaving the assets in the plan; or moving them to a new employer's plan. We will take a brief look at each of these strategies.

If you are changing jobs or retiring, your best bet is usually to roll your 401(k) assets over into an IRA account. By doing so you retain the tax-deferred growth potential of your investments. What's more, you can maintain all of your IRAs in the same place, making it easier to manage your retirement assets and analyze your overall asset allocation.

An IRA also offers the additional benefit of giving you access to your money when you need it. Withdrawals prior to the age of 59½ may be subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty.

For example, if you lose a job due to downsizing or some other reason, you might not be able to draw an income stream from retirement plan assets left with a former employer. With an IRA you have the flexibility to determine how much income you need and you can take withdrawals when you want (taxes and IRS penalties may apply).

Cashing out should generally be considered a last resort. If you withdraw all your funds each time you change jobs, you will systematically erode one of your principal sources of retirement income.

To illustrate: with lump sum distribution, on top of income taxes and IRS penalties to which you may be subject, your employer will also be required to withhold 20 percent of the taxable amount of your distribution and send it to the IRS as a prepayment of the taxes that will be due. As you can see, cashing out is not the most desirable option.

Leaving your assets in your former employer's plan may be an option that is available to you, but doing so could create complexities in managing your investments.

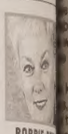
Keep in mind you will be limited to the plan's investment alternatives and your employer will also control when and how you access your retirement savings in the future. Leaving the assets where they are requires no action on your part, but it may not be worth the potential hassles it could create.

Finally, you may be able to move your retirement plan savings into a new employer's plan when you change jobs. However, doing so may involve many of the same benefits and drawbacks as money in a former employer's retirement plan. You will want to be sure your new employer permits transfers or rollovers from other types of plans before you go that route.

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Autumn Inforum

The Alameda Association of Realtors Autumn Annual Inforum Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12. AAR and the Alameda Chamber present the "Candidates' Forum" featuring Mayoral candidates **Doug deHaan**, **Beverly Johnson** and **Kenneth Kahn**. The event is at the Elks Club on Santa Clara. The public is always welcome at the Inforum. Make a ticket reservation by calling 510-523-7229.

Mortgage Mishaps

If you are about to apply for a home mortgage or ready to sign the closing papers on a home purchase I offer a few tips on making the process easier and avoiding final deal breaker pitfalls. Do not buy a car, new or used. The purchase of any big-ticket items can affect the bottom line when looking for a loan and be a deal breaker at closing. The lender will want to check your credit one last time, so if a new payment or larger payment appears that could change your eligibility. If the house needs a new washer and dryer – wait until after the move to make big-ticket purchases. If you would like to be clued in on other mortgage mishaps talk to a local mortgage broker.

Learn DIY

If you're handy around the house or want to learn how, the Building Education Center in Berkeley is the place for you. BEC provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. Topics cover power tools, concrete work, retrofitting, plumbing, interior design, carpentry and solar electricity, to name only a few. You can call the center for class information and cost. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the website at bldgeductr.org.

Free Classes

Investors. Bay Area Investors Educational Services of Oakland offers a monthly program on the benefits of and strategies for investing in real estate. The two-part program "Profiting In A Declining Market and Using Retirement Plans to Invest" is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 3. Call for ticket and location information at 510-339-9014.

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Buyers Assistance. Buyers can qualify for down payment and closing cost assistance programs from the State of California. Prepare for homebuying at the "My First Home Purchase" seminar, 9:30 a.m., tomorrow in San Leandro. Call **Anzella Jones** at 888-856-4647 x705 for reservations.

Homegateway

The Bay Area Home Buyer Agency sponsors Home Buyer Education Seminars. The class gives potential homebuyers guidance in regard to homeownership. The agency also offers free homebuyer counseling. Seminar dates and information can be found at www.HomeGateway.com.

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The Women's Council of the Associated Real Property Brokers presents "Clauses With Claws", 9 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 5. The location is the Buttercup Kitchen, on Broadway in Oakland. Hear Placer Title's Alameda County Training Manager **Karen Davis** explain the CAR Residential Purchase Agreement. The class will explore those clauses that affect escrow. WCR President **Renee Terrell** says this event is free to Realtists and only $5 for non-members. Questions? Call **Rolanda Wilson** at 510-377-8853.

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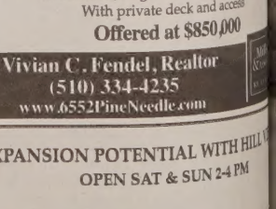
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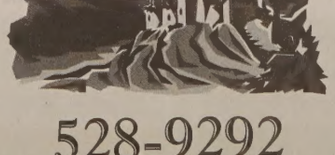
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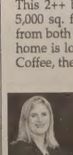


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n everyone needs assis- with deciding what sorts of ion might best be made to e and garden, which in- s to have and when, and nd how to move or dis- pense with furnishings and other belongings. All of these take time.

But occasionally we talk to someone who has set aside an hour to sign a listing contract. He wants his house on multiple listing and a sign in his yard tomorrow.

We've never done real estate this way. Even if the house and grounds look great, there are other important preparations to be made. Research and thought must go into appropriate pricing, for example.

And we feel that pre-market inspections are vital. It's just no good telling prospective buyers that the termite report has been ordered but isn't available yet. And, if we're to represent the seller and his house well, we must know much about the house. The good and bad of the systems will impact price and will inform a buyer, before making his offer, what exactly he is offering on.



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It is also extremely worthwhile to take the time to consider, write and place newspaper ads, a property flyer, and descriptive comments on multiple listing. These days many buyers shop for houses on the Internet, so photos will be needed.

And disclosures, considered and thorough disclosures, can take a good deal of time. We work with our sellers on the numerous required disclosures. We ask questions, we look closely at the house, we look, too, to the inspections.

We do everything possible to reveal in writing to interested buyers and their agents what is right and what is wrong with a property. Because once our listing is sold, we want it to stay sold, with nary a claim of misrepresentation, avoidable disappointment, or lawsuit afterwards.

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Probably three weeks is the fastest we've ever gotten a house on the market, and 6 weeks is far more typical. If the floors are being refinished and painting done, if new carpet is being laid or appliances replaced, it's likely to be longer.

And if the seller is not able to participate himself in taking garden sprays and such to hazardous waste disposal, if he is not available to water and cut the lawn or to clear out the attic, even more time will be needed.

In fact, it is amazing how long getting ready can take. We've had people who have lived in their houses for 50 years tell us that they'd be all moved and ready to sell in a matter of weeks, then found it took 3 months of constant, full-time attention.

This isn't surprising, really. Think about a single closet in your house, the linen closet or coat closet, for instance. How long would you estimate it would take you to completely empty the contents, sort through it, box and move every single item, or to discard or pass each along to someone else?

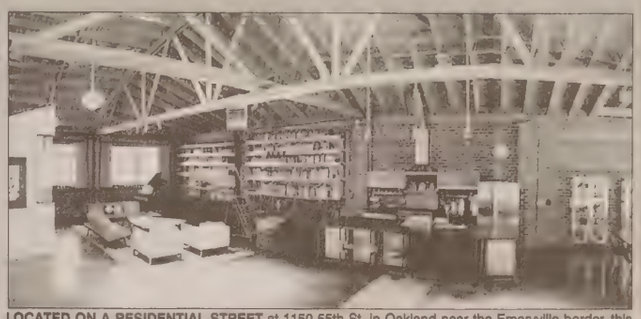
Now consider your garage or basement.

It's certainly more fun to list a house we like a lot, but even better is working with sellers we enjoy and with whom we feel compatible. Selling a house is a big deal, full of attention to zillions of details, everything from what to include in disclosures to whether the screen on the back door should be replaced or removed.

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If you've been checking real estate activity lately you might notice that area home prices seem to have stabilized. We're not seeing the overbidding frenzy that had been occurring during the last few years. Houses seem to be staying on the market for a longer time.

You may not be considering selling your home but if you're like many homeowners, you've at least mentally noted the value of your property when there was a house for sale in your neighborhood. Over the last couple of years didn't it seem like every time you turned around the value of your house increased? Perhaps you were thinking of updating your kitchen or finally adding that second bathroom with your "new found wealth". With the current calming of the real estate market, along with the creeping rise of interest rates, you might be putting those plans on the back burner.

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One of the greatest considerations when considering remodeling

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your home is your and your family's quality of life. Will a second bathroom ease morning battles? How long can you live with a miniscule work area in the kitchen? Would a master bedroom suite create a desirable retreat for you and your spouse? How long is too long to live in a house that doesn't quite meet your expectations?

Assuming you've been in your home more than five years you likely have built up substantial equity just by living in it and paying the mortgage on time. Reinvesting that equity into the vehicle that created it isn't a bad idea! Yes, it means you'll be borrowing money but with a home equity line you must pay the interest only, and that's tax deductible.

If you stay in your home at least another five years, the benefit of living with the results of the remodel coupled with the fact that we live in the Bay Area where historically there have not been dramatic drops in housing values, your investment will more than pay off.

One other consideration is that if and when you do sell your home it is quite possible that you'll do some kind of work to make it more desirable. Why wait until you're about to leave the house and do the work now, while you can enjoy it? I'll never forget that in 1986 we remodeled the home we bought 9 years earlier in preparation of selling it. After living through the remodel we lived with the alterations for just a year. Realizing our mistake we remodeled our new home within a year of moving in and we continue to enjoy the changes 18 years later.

We phased the work because we knew we'd be staying in this house for a long time. An addition to the rear of the house, including a new basement room, a remodeled and expanded kitchen and the creation of a master bedroom suite, was done immediately.

The basement room stayed unfinished while our younger sons grew up. It was a great place for them to play and hang out with their friends because no finishes could get ruined. In the second phase we addressed the exterior of the house and in the last phase we finished the basement room.

If you're planning on staying in your home for the long term, my advice is to remodel sooner than later. The enhancement to your quality of life (not to mention to your house's value) will be well worth the investment.

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Dunning of Wells & Bennett Realtors in Oakland is one of those folks. As a Realtor, Dunning also served a term as the 2004 president of the Oakland Association of Realtors. For several years his real estate columns have run in area newspapers. If that's not enough recently he founded the "Sharing Closet", to support the largest homeless shelter in Alameda County. To help contact Dunning at don@eastbayrealtor.com.

■ Berkeley Association of Realtors member **Karen Ward** of RE Loan Mortgage on Solano Avenue sponsored a booth at the Solano Stroll. With hubby help and a few friends, temporary tattoos were sold and applied. Even a few adults sported the colorful etchings. Ward was pleased to contribute the proceeds of $260 to a local education foundation. Say good going Karen at 510-559-4004.

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Is now the time to buy or s

■ Bay Area real estate market offers rare windows of opportunity

BY AVRAM GOLDMAN
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A lot has been written lately about the cooling of our red-hot real estate market, both in the Bay Area and across the country. It's hard to go a day without some news story suggesting the "bubble has burst," or the sky is falling, or something equally catastrophic.

But what's missing in the avalanche of news coverage is the fact that while home sales have indeed slowed down, this current housing market offers a unique window of opportunity for savvy buyers and sellers to profit.

For the first time in quite a while, the stars are all in alignment for consumers: mortgage interest rates are near their all-time low, prices have stabilized, there's a large selection of homes to pick from, and yet the prospects for long-term gains in the market remain strong.

Certainly, it makes a more exciting news story to dwell on the negative, but for smart consumers it is definitely more economically advantageous to seize opportunities as they present themselves. And this market does indeed offer some of these opportunities.

So who could benefit by this current market?

■ First-time buyers trying to break into the market;

■ Existing homeowners looking for a new home;

■ Consumers looking to profit from investment property;

■ People planning for retirement;

■ Almost anyone looking to increase their net worth.

If you're a first-time buyer who has been patiently sitting on the sidelines during this seller's market, you couldn't find a better time to get into the game. Prices have adjusted and stabilized as mortgage rates still remain historically low. Add to that a good supply of homes, and you've got a window of opportunity that you rarely see. With rents going up, first-time buyers may pay little more for a mortgage payment than they do for their apartment today after considering tax advantages.

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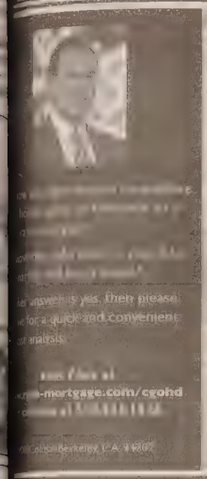


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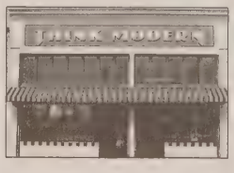
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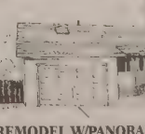
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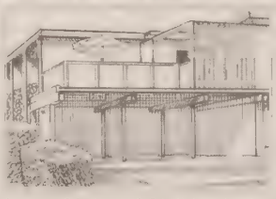
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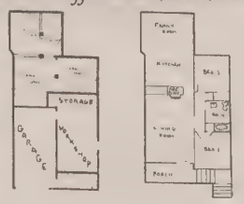
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Offered at $739,000



1371 HOLMAN ROAD
Cheery 1920's Mediterranean awaits you. 1BA, kitchen just remodeled, marble & beechwood counters, newer bathroom, dining room, fireplace, hardwood floo
Offered at $589,000

COMING SOON ~ PIEDMONT AVENUE AREA

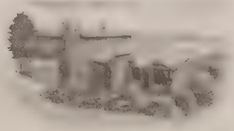
3070 RICHMOND BLVD.
Stunning 1908 Craftsman style bungalow with historical designation features numerous period details and many upgrades. Main house with 2+BR/3BA - 1945 second story addition converted to separate unit.
Offered at $870,000





Dolores Thom
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7111 NORFOLK ROAD
CLAREMONT HILLS
Spectacular NEW custom contemporary atop the Claremont Hills. 4+BR/4.5BA. Breathtaking San Francisco views.
Offered at $2,348,000

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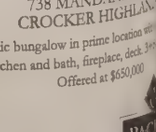
1999 TUNNEL ROAD
CLAREMONT HILLS
Brand NEW custom contemporary
Richard Janzen. 4BR 3.5BA
Offered at $1,549,00

BY APPOINTMENT



630 HADDON ROAD
HADDON HILL
Picture perfect Dutch Colonial. Remodeled kitchen & baths, beautifully landscaped yard. 3+BR/3BA.
Offered at $995,000

OPEN SUNDAY, OCT. 1, 2-



738 MANDANA BLVD.
CROCKER HIGHLAN
Chic bungalow in prime location with kitchen and bath, fireplace, deck, 3+
Offered at $650,000

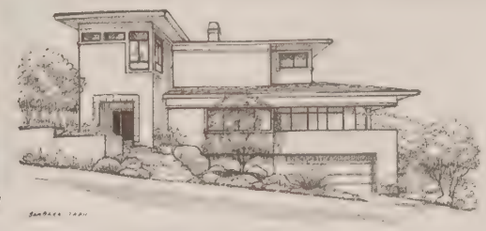


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New Montclair Listing
Open Sunday, October 1, 2-4:30pm





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6148 Fairlane Drive, Oakland
Offered at $1,679,000

This stunning architect designed contemporary 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath custom home has sleek lines and a wrap-around deck with bay views. Gourmet eat-in kitchen/family room combo opens to a level rear yard and deck. Level-in/level-out.



Gini Erck
510.338.1339

New Haddon Hill Listing
Open Sunday, October 1, 2-5pm



452 and 456 Capital Street, Oakland
Offered at $719,000

This handsome custom duplex offers fine mid-century design with a Japanese flair close to all the paths and pleasures on Lake Merritt and Lakeshore Avenue. Each vacant 1 bedroom unit features a fireplace, good outdoor space, laundry, and interior access to the two car garage below. View a SeeMore Tour at www.ginierck.com.

New Glenview Listing
Open Sunday, October 1, 2-4:30pm





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1011 Elbert Street, Oakland
Offered at $639,000

All level living on a cul-de-sac! Tastefully remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a spacious family room. Lovely upgraded eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, great outdoor living, level yard and patio. Private setting.



Joan Dark
510.338.1316

New Piedmont Avenue Area Listing
Open Sunday, October 1, 2-4:30pm



16 Rio Vista Avenue, Oakland
Offered at $562,000

This sweet cottage was being built as horses and buggies clopped along down Rio Vista, getting ready for the very steep hill up to Fairmount Avenue. The hill was closed to traffic, but this cottage still stands almost 100 years later, ready for new owners. It has a newer kitchen, comfy living room, and dining room downstairs, 2 sunny bedrooms and a deck upstairs, which overlooks the big grassy back yard. There's a garage and parking for 2 cars besides. All a block from historic and bustling Piedmont Avenue!

Open Sunday 2:00-4:30

LAND HILLS $3,995,000
ROCKINGHAM CT.
ast of modern art and workmanship. ular 4 bridge views. Grand courtyard. l-de-sac. Sumptuous theater and wine 4+BR/6+BA. David Ichikawa x1331

PER ROCKRIDGE $3,400,000
OWLING DR.
ical treasure built in 1935 w/im- or woodwork, grand formal rooms, 2 s, magnificent 2-story foyer, interior ul. Dee Knowland x1318

REMONT HILLS $2,348,000
NORFOLK RD.
ular view contemporary home designed Perkins. 4+BR/4.5BA, open living & areas, slate terraces, wired media rooms, ome office. Fritz Hochfellner x1348



UETTE $1,995,000
QUAIL RIDGE RD. (Open 1-4)
ern contemporary remodeled with an lectic flair. Unique stainless steel entry, floors, chef's kitchen. Glass-walled lanai, sweeping views. Steven Biasatti x1379

ER ROCKRIDGE $1,599,000
COCHRANE AVE.
contemporary on prime street. Uplifting with high ceilings, fine details and gener- spaces. 4BR/2+2BA, game room. Cherie 510-332-5292

REMONT HILLS $1,549,000
TUNNEL RD.
ed new Richard Janzen designed custom con- ary 4BR/3.5BA, elevator, separate guest e suite, gourmet kitchen, level indoor/out- ning areas. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

KELEY $1,395,000
HILLEGASS AVE.
/3.5BA. Legendary Elmwood craftsman w quarters. Large sunny garden & rear apple trees, French country kitchen. Jack x1336

UPPER ROCKRIDGE $1,325,000
6357 BROOKSIDE AVE.
New Price! Beautiful Mark Becker designed 4BR/3.5BA Mediterranean built in 2000. Gourmet eat-in kitchen, formal dining room level-out to garden & patio. Dee Knowland x1318



BERKELEY $975,000
2800 DERBY ST.
New Listing! Stately Elmwood brown shingle. Beautiful windows and craftsman details. Sunny, easy care garden. Room for expansion. 4BR/2BA. Jack McPhail x1336

MONTCLAIR $969,000
5977 HARBORD DR.
Elegant & charming 4BR/2.5BA home located on the Piedmont side of Montclair. Soaring ceilings, skylights, canyon views from most rooms. Large lot. Kathy Flynn x1317

UPPER ROCKRIDGE $865,000
4878 HARBORD DR.
Bay view home built in 1955 with clean, simple style. 3BR/3BA, living/dining room combination, large eat-in kitchen, family room & office. Donna Costella x1355

SAN LEANDRO $839,000
720 LEE AVE. (Open 1-4)
Classic 1929 Tudor in Estudillo Estates. Updated kitchen & bath, gracious formal rooms, 3BR/1++BA, charming breakfast room, family room & expansion potential. Michelle Miller x1335

PLEASANT HILL $839,000
113 HAZELTINE CIR. (Open 2-5)
Stunning Julian Woods Traditional. 4BR/2.5BA. Designer landscaping, large kitchen, den, fireplace, 3-car garage. www.113Hazeltine.com. Terilynn Medrano 925-818-6412

REDWOOD HEIGHTS $799,000
3121 JORDAN AVE. (Open 1-5)
New Listing! Beautifully remodeled 3BR/2.5BA contemporary in creekside setting. Gourmet kitchen, updated baths, hardwood floors. Expansive decks. In-law unit. Joanna Hirsch x1366

MONTCLAIR $749,000
1145 GLENCOURT DR. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! 3BR/2BA 1950's contemporary. Open beam "great room" w/walls of glass overlooking a lush setting. Large bedrooms, level yard, updated kitchen, hot tub. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

CROCKER HIGHLANDS $739,000
1381 HOLMAN RD.
Delightful 3BR/2BA home in Trestle Glen area. Upgraded kitchen with sliding glass doors, spacious master bedroom, large basement, garage. Dolores Thom x1364

CROCKER HIGHLANDS $735,000
1421 BARROWS RD.
Traditional 3BR/1BA home with separate living & dining rooms. Sensibly arranged kitchen with eat-in breakfast area. Conveniently located. Nancy Moore x1302

SAN LEANDRO $725,000
818 COLLIER DR. (Open 1-4)
Estudillo Estates. Spacious traditional split level w/beautiful architectural details. 3BR/1.5BA, hardwood floors, formal dining, garage. Donna DeBardi x1374

REDWOOD HEIGHTS $699,000
3420 JORDAN RD. (Open 2-5)
Grand architectural gem. Beautiful 2BR/1.5BA home. Hardwood floors, wood trim moldings, high ceilings, built-ins & tiled fireplace. Deck, garden. Dwight McCan x1391

OAKLAND $699,000
933 57TH ST.
Stunning remodeled craftsman compound. 2BR/1BA up. 2BR/BA non-conforming au-pair down. Large studio in the back yard. Close to transportation, shopping. Dan Joy x1304

PIEDMONT AVENUE $675,000
4450 MORAGA AVE.
Classic 1924 bungalow-style home. Fabulous newer kitchen, 1 year new roof, newer sewer line. Side deck, yard & hot tub. 3BR/1BA. Ann Nichols x1319

CROCKER HIGHLANDS $650,000
738 MANDANA BLVD.
Chic 1920's bungalow in prime location. 3+BR/1BA, updated kitchen & bath, gleaming hardwood floors, fireplace, deck, new windows & doors. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

JACK LONDON SQUARE $649,000
201 4TH ST. #411 (Open Sat & Sun)
Sophisticated loft living from this bright 2BR/2BA corner unit. Custom upgrades & finishes. Beautifully painted, hi-end lighting, granite counters. Dan Joy x1304

DIMOND $619,000
3539 BOSTON AVE.
New Listing! 3BR/2BA. Adorable craftsman bungalow lovingly restored. Decorator colors, fireplace, hardwood floors, lovely yard. Nancy Noman x1373

MONTCLAIR $619,000
6301 PINEHAVEN RD.
New Price! Charming one level home in wooded setting. Detached garage, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Freshly painted & refinished hardwood floors. Wendy Ferrari x1303

OAKLAND $619,000
1 LAKESIDE DR. #212
Luxurious upgraded lake view condominium at The Essex. Large unit with two bedrooms, two bathrooms. Jeffrey Neidleman x1385

REDWOOD HEIGHTS $599,000
3932 ATLAS AVE. (Open 2-5)
Incredible new price! Handsome craftsman built in 1928. Tiled fireplace, built-ins, hardwood floors, stained glass windows. Remodeled kitchen, 2BR/1BA, garage, garden. Diane E. McCan x1352

REDWOOD HEIGHTS $599,000
51 TERALYNN CT.
Stylish 2-story townhouse w/outstanding South Bay views. Large open living room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace, spacious kitchen & dining area, 2BR/2.5BA. Lori Lombardo x1377

CROCKER HIGHLANDS $589,000
1371 HOLMAN RD.
Cheery 1925 Mediterranean, 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen & bath, refinished hardwood floors, fireplace, landscaped front. Rear patio/garden, garage. Dolores Thom x1364

TEMESCAL $559,000
440 38TH ST. #A
Three year old 2BR/2BA townhouse. Fenced front yard, beautiful floors, abundant storage space, double-paned windows, washer/dryer, 1-car attached garage. Jeffrey Neidleman x1385

JACK LONDON SQUARE $539,000
201 4TH ST. #412 (Open Sat & Sun)
New Listing! Sophisticated loft. Bright 2BR/1.5BA unit w/high ceilings & concrete floors. Kitchen & baths w/nice finishes. Near transportation & shops. Dan Joy x1304

OAKLAND $525,000
3283 DAKOTA ST.
New Listing! Level-in to a lovely 2++BR/2BA on a cul-de-sac. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, rumpus room, Updated bath, hardwood floors, just painted. Robyn Mohr x1310

UPPER DIMOND $495,000
3872 WHITTLE
New Listing! Classic 2BR/1BA bungalow w/many extra features. Generous updated kitchen/family room combo. Renovated bathroom, fully fenced back yard. Tom Nemeth x1381

ADAMS POINT $479,000
389 BELMONT ST. #408
Rare find top floor condominium. Spacious sunny living & dining areas that open onto large balcony. Eat-in kitchen, master suite w/walk-in closet, washer/dryer. Ashley O'Neill x1368

LAKE MERRITT $439,000
565 BELLEVUE AVE. #1608
Sophisticated 1BR/1BA condo w/expansive views. Remodeled kitchen & bath. Hardwood floors, custom built-in storage closets, home office. Doorman, gym, pool. Joanna Hirsch x1366

BERKELEY $300,100
2550 DANA ST. #7B
New Listing! Delightful hill views & gorgeous remodeled kitchen! Open and spacious 1BR. Enclosed lanai. Must be 55+ years old to buy & live in Co-op. Leslie Easterday x1363

ADAMS POINT $235,000
150 PEARL ST. #118
Sophisticated Zen Alcove Studio - West Elm meets Ikea. Newer kitchen, updated bathroom, newer carpet, freshly painted in designer colors. Peaceful patio. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

MONTCLAIR $219,000
5825 THORNHILL DR. #1
New Listing! Wooded retreat. Rare Montclair opportunity. 1BR/1BA condo. Spacious living room w/fireplace. One car garage. Convenient location. Robyn Mohr x1310

By Appointment

LAND HILLS $1,695,000
built traditional on 1+ acre. Gourmet w/adjoining family room. 4+BR/4BA, ming. Pool & expansive indoor-outdoor Dick Cohen x1308 & Sandi Klemmer x1314

KELEY $1,350,000
/3+BA. Fabulous contemporary with San Francisco & Golden Gate Bridge Vaulted ceiling. Separate home office. Norman x1373

LAND HILLS $1,219,000
Mediterranean style 4+BR/2.5BA, master bay views, lovely deck & rear yard, dramatic kitchen/family room combo. Formal room, office. Rich Gould x1347

HADDON HILL $995,000
Turn-of-the-century Dutch Colonial with 3+BR/3BA, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen & bath, large master suite with fireplace. 2-car garage. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

BERKELEY $960,000
2+BR/2+BA. Romantic brown shingle + cottage near Gourmet Ghetto. San Francisco & Golden Gate views. Remodeled kitchen. Lush garden. Near Chez Panisse. Nancy Noman x1373

GRAND LAKE $949,000
Huge price reduction! Stately traditional gem in the popular Rose Garden area. Wonderful original architectural detail with modern upgrades. Beautiful vistas. 4+BR/2+BA. Donna DeBardi x1374

PIEDMONT $925,000
Stylish, crisp Victorian w/rich period detail & traditional finishes. Light-filled, clean-lined, comfortable rooms. 2BR/1+BA, den, family room, office. Georgia Cornell x1325

NORTH BERKELEY $924,500
Conservatorship sale contingent upon court confirmation hearing scheduled for October 24, 2006. The first overbid must be $924,500, "as is", and non-contingent. Tour @ GiniErck.com. x1339

MONTCLAIR $899,000
Dramatic 3BR/3BA Contemporary. Sunny & quiet. High ceilings throughout. Large living room, kitchen/family room combo, decks on each level. Top quality finishes. Dick Cohen x1308

BERKELEY $799,000
Charming two-story Craftsman near Gourmet Ghetto. Remodeled kitchen. Cozy study. Pretty garden. 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Nancy Noman x1373



LAUREL $739,000
Charming 1934 English Tudor with all the amenities of a newer home. 3BR/1+BA, large kitchen, breakfast room, formal dining, hardwood floors, fireplace. Yard w/hot tub. Kathy Flynn x1317

BERKELEY $650,000
Fabulous, sun-filled three-level live-work condominium. two-plus bedrooms, two-plus baths. Soaring ceilings. Dramatic! Nancy Noman x1373



BERKELEY $519,000
Darling Mediterranean-inspired 2BR/1BA bungalow in central location. Arched front window, formal dining room, built-ins, deck, garden. Lorri Arazi x1330

How to obtain a Fannie Mae home loan



ROBERT BRUSS

NMAN NEWS FEATURES

Dear Bob: Your column is always a wealth of valuable information. I would like to take out a Fannie Mae home loan in case I have a prolonged illness. How does a homeowner locate a local Fannie Mae office? — **Mario F.**

Dear Mario: Nationwide home mortgage lenders Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA and VA all originate their home loans through local mortgage brokers, mortgage bankers, Internet lenders and banks. They do not directly originate mortgages with homeowners.

Most local mortgage lenders can help you compare the offerings of these major nationwide lenders who purchase, insure, or guarantee home loans originated locally. These loan originators handle the paperwork details such as your loan application, appraisal, and title insurance.

However, if you don't really need money now, instead of borrowing money on which you probably can't earn as much as it costs, why not instead obtain a home equity credit line?

That's what I did recently. I obtained a $200,000 home equity credit line secured by my home just in case I ever need that money.

Tax results of lease to sell fees

Dear Bob: The "Mortgage Professor" Jack Guttentag suggested I ask you my question about lease purchases. If I pay my son $10,000 in 2005 as part of a lease-to-sell agreement that we have reached, will he have to pay taxes on the $10,000? Or will the monthly rent I pay him to cover his mortgage until I exercise my option to buy the property in 2008 be taxable? — **Beth L.**

Dear Beth: I am honored my esteemed colleague referred your question to me. Professor Jack Guttentag, semi-retired from the esteemed Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, knows virtually everything about mortgages. His Web site at www.mtgprofessor.com is superb.

If you pay $10,000 to your son for rent to use his property with an option to purchase it, that rental income must be reported by your son on Schedule E of his income-tax returns. This is where he also can deduct applicable rental property expenses such as his mortgage interest, property taxes, insurance, repairs and depreciation.

However, if the $10,000 is nonrefundable option consideration paid to your son, he doesn't have

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OPEN SUN 2-4

New Listing!
1519 Allston Way
Charming bungalow built in the 1920's in North Berkeley. Wood windows, hardwood floors, remodeled eat-in kitchen with granite, white cabinetry, remodeled bath with marble, flagstone patio and lovely yard. Garage was converted to a music sound studio, or office.

$715,000
Photos at
www.TheKaufmans.com
925-260-4787



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Village

Listed $699,000 Sold $731,000



Temescal Craftsman
4219 Shafter Ave. Oakland

Completely remodeled 4 BR, 2 BA, with formal spaces and intact original details. Private yard and large front porch.



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Listed $599,000 Sold $615,000



Panoramic Views!
6617 Simson St. Oakland

Three bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms. Formal living room and dining room, eat in kitchen and family room all on three levels.



Heidi Ke
510 708

ANNE BRUFF & ASSOCIATES
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higher rate of return somewhere else. Real estate investors also understand that leveraging can earn them greater returns than they can get with other investments. If a $750,000 property increases 10 percent in value, or $75,000, that actually equates to a 50% return on an investment if buyers put $150,000 or 20 percent down.

Those looking toward retirement in the next 10 years will do well to plan on buying now.

By owning real estate as part of your retirement portfolio, most of your retirement can be funded by others. The tenant, tax advantages and appreciation over time can fund quite a nest egg. When you do cash out, capital gains rules offer a much lower tax rate than the tax you'll pay on your other retirement accounts. With proper planning, investing in real estate can be extremely effective way to fund your retirement.

Over the years, real estate has been one of the greatest wealth creators. Not a lot has changed today, except that prices have temporarily leveled off, creating an attractive buying opportunity. Interest rates, selection, favorable tax laws, loan programs and seller concessions make this the perfect time to invest.

So what about existing homeowners? There are opportunities for you as well, particularly if you are interested in moving up to a larger home. Sellers may get a little less than they were hoping for in this market, but the good news is that they can more than make up for it on the move-up home.

If, for instance, your $600,000 home sells for 10 percent less, that's $60,000. But if you are able to buy that larger, $1 million home for 10% less, that's a $100,000 savings. If you were to wait for your existing home to go back up to $600,000, the move up home will most likely go up proportionately, too.

Despite reports to the contrary, the sky isn't falling in on this market. It certainly has cooled off from the last two years, but those were record setting years. We're back to a normalized market. It has just been a while since we have been there.

Those afraid of prices falling significantly should consider this: Since 1968, there has been only five times that the median price of single-family homes have dropped in California , according to the California Association of Realtors. Five times out of 38 years. And the average annual price increase during that time has been just about 9 percent.

So while much of the news coverage of the housing market has been dark and gloomy, there are actually a number of bright spots for opportunistic consumers. The real estate market will always go in cycles. But by understanding the big picture, smart consumers can capitalize on this rare window of opportunity.

Avram Goldman is president and chief operating officer of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the San Francisco Bay Region.

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El Cerrito View Home
By Appointment
View, Gorgeous Garden, Great House! Only 7-years old, this home has a fabulous floor plan. Great entertaining spaces flow together; great indoor-outdoor. Wonderful family room off the large kitchen. 4 bdrms (all on one level), 3 baths, a huge laundry room, and an indoor entrance to a large garage.
Maya Trilling x18 **$1,095,000**



2530 Mira Vista Dr., El Cerrito
By Appointment
That rare find – a gorgeous contempo w/dramatic spaces, high ceilings, and quality construction details nestled in a tranquil, charming nghbrhd. 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths, family room, formal dining room, spacious mstr ste, office, views, great light, 2-car garage &
Peter Damm x13



1971 El Dorado, Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 – 5:00
New listing! Terrific 1925 traditional in coveted locale btwn Gourmet Ghetto & Solano. 1st time on market in 45 years! Spacious liv. rm & dining rm. "Country" kit. opens to amazing, level, park-like garden. 3 bdrms, 1 bath on main level. Bonus rm, bath, workshop & basement on lower level. Detached garage. Great opportunity!
Mary Lou Allen x53 **$825,000**



218 Beverly Ave., San Leandro
By Appointment
2-story, updated Tudor Revival home set after Broadmoor Manor. Gracious tiled leads to liv. rm w/tiled frpl, lg formal & spacious, updated kit. 3 bdrms, 2 baths plus space could be office. Sep. structure great office, gym, playroom or workshop skylights.2-car gar. www.218Beverly.com
Arlene Baxter x19



737 Spokane, Albany
By Appointment
Charming remodeled 3 bdrm, 1 bath MacGregor. This lovely home has been owned by the MacGregor family since being built in 1926 – never before sold. Gorgeous refin. hdwd flrs, unique frpl, formal din. rm w/built-ins, remod. kitchen w/eating area, new interior & exter. paint. Sunny bkyd, rebuilt detached garage
Peter Damm x13 **$639,000**



2729 Grant Ave., Richmond N.
Open Sunday, 1:00 – 4:00
Lovely MacGregor-style, split-level bath in distinctive neighborhood. flrs, frpl, sep. dining & living rms, brkfst nook. Large bdrms w/lots of Huge level, fenced & grassy bkyd w/ area & patio, plus a cottage & storage multi-use 2-car garage.
Chris & Sandy x54

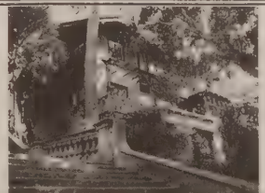


819 Cornell, Albany
Open Sunday 2:00 - 4:00
Beautifully remodeled 2 bdrm, 2 bath MacGregor home ideally located just moments to Solano Ave. New interior & exterior paint. Pella double pane windows, remodeled kitchen & baths, lovely hardwood floors, fireplace, new roof.
Bill McDowell x30 **$549,000**



5541 Bayview, Richmond Annex
Open Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00
2 bdrms. Beautifully restored, preserving charm. Move-in condition! Light & New stove, water heater, wall furnace, backyard with vegetable garden plot. video at www.myrealtygirl.com.
Jean Auka x16

75 Panoramic Way, Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00
New Listing! Gorgeous, spac. 2+ bdrm, 1 bath TIC Craftsman w/fabulous Bay view in a 3-unit bldg. in the process of condo conversion. Built in 1908 by A. H. Broad, contractor for Maybeck. Wonderful period details including vintage kit. & bath. Frpl. Separate yard. Located in the hills off Orchard Steps just above the U.C. campus. Approx. 1,265 sq. ft.
Jane Allen x23 **$575,000**



73 Panoramic Way, Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00
New Listing! Gorgeous 1 bdrm, 1 bath TIC Craftsman Bay view in 3-unit bldg. in the process of condo Built in 1908 by A. H. Broad, contractor for Maybeck. Wonderful period details including vintage kit. & bath. Separate yard. Located in the hills off Orchard Steps the U.C. campus. Approx. 825 sq. ft.
Jane Allen x23

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Mills College Area
3916 A & B Gardenia Pl., Oakland
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30





...t home. Hardwood and beautiful tile ...w kitchen and bath. Open, sunny ...ace, separate laundry and back ...rivate yard and plenty of off-street ...Pest will be cleared, ready to move
TIC Interest. $349,000
...Kearsley 510-706-2937

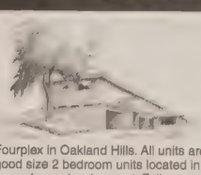
This darling 1 bedroom cottage is surrounded by a lovely private yard. Wood floors, updated kitchen and bath. The attached garage could be converted to a 2nd bedroom. Pest will be cleared, ready to move into.
TIC Interest. $239,000
Heidi Kearsley *510-706-2937*

Berkeley 4-Plexes
2931-2933 Stanton St.



Price Reduction! Side by side fourplexes on separate lots. All units are 2 bedrooms with eat-in-kitchens. Best prices in Berkeley. Buy one or both.
$769,000 each
Anne Bruff *510-594-7455 x200*

Oakland Hills Apartments
8036 & 8042 Greenridge Dr.



Fourplex in Oakland Hills. All units are good size 2 bedroom units located in area of new development. Fully occupied, upside in rent.
$825,000
Anne Bruff *510-594-7455 x 200*



Sixplex on oversized lot. One 3 bedroom 2 bath unit, and five 2 bedroom units. Oakland Hills neighborhood of new development.
$875,000
Anne Bruff *510-594-7455 x 200*

Superb Single Family
6222 Ralston Ave., Richmond
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

...bedroom, 1 bath house is peaceful, private, sweet & serene! Level ...ed yard, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen. Brick fireplace in living ...w water heater and energy efficient furnace. Close to Wildcat Canyon; ...ws over Marin Hills. Easy access to BART.
$498,000
...th Sky *510-406-0596*

Redwood Heights
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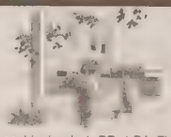
This lovely 2+/2 mid century home has it all. Set on a quiet cul-de-sac in one of Oakland's best neighborhoods. Details include random plank hardwood floors, original tiled bath & eat-in kitchen, spacious pine paneled den that leads onto a patio ready for your Tiki party. Huge unfinished downstairs room, great for storage or a large home office. Sweeping private backyard. *$689,000*
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Highland Heights
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Great remodeled Bungalow near Highland hospital. 3/2 w/large backyard. Nicely landscaped & very nice inside. A great starter home.
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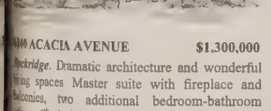
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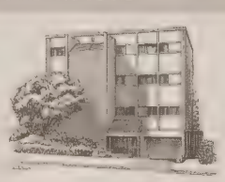
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...63 TANGLEWOOD **$899,000**
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Montclair. Sunny 3BR/2BA traditional with large rooms, hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, and huge level back yard, just steps from Montclair Village.
Don Dunning 531-7000 x239

1123 BISMARCK LANE **$579,000**
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Fruitvale. Reduced! 2BR/1BA main house PLUS large studio with bath and kitchenette. PLUS extra large garage with work area, electricity, heat. PLUS extra deep lot with room for garden, pets, play. Quiet cul-de-sac.
Antoine Pirson 531-7006 x270

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Grand Lake. This spacious unit has been completely upgraded with maple cabinets and granite counters in the kitchen and lovely designer colors throughout. Enjoy the balcony for outside relaxation or use the pool or club room for entertaining. Cutting-edge technology provides security for entry and garage. Must see!
Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292

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Oakmore. This beautiful Mediterranean Triplex has 3BR/1.5BA unit, a 2BR/1BA unit and a 1BR/1BA unit. It is located in the desirable area. Close to transportation and shopping. Great for owner occupied, 1031 exchange or possible condo conversion.
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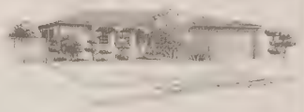
GREAT VALUE NOW AND FOR FUTURE! **$1,120,000**
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Berkeley Hills. Large traditional view home, 4BR/3BA, den, 2-car garage, private yard. Bright and light home. Near Tilden and golf course. Pictures at www.SmartBayAreaSeller.com.
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SERENE RETREAT **$838,000**
Crocker Highlands. Wonderfully spacious 4BR/2.5BA home with sunny updated kitchen, family room, two car attached garage, plus room, hills view and new redwood decks.
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED HOME **$639,000**
Oakland Hills. Tastefully and meticulously upgraded. Super charming. To many upgrades to list. 2BR/1BA, living room, dining area, air condition, new kitchen and bath. Basement has full bath. Large lot and garden area.
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MOVE IN CONDITION **$550,000**
Hayward. 3BR/2BA 1950's ranch home. Beautiful oak floors, new master bath, termite completed Walk to schools.
Michaela Shanahan 531-7000 x260



HUGE PRICE REDUCTION **$450,000**
East Lake Merritt. Adorable duplex has a new price, a $24K reduction! There are (2) 1BR/1BA apartments, small porch in rear over looking a small yard, and a large unfinished basement
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SPARKLING TOWNHOUSE **$325,000**
Hayward. 2BR/1.5BA. Laminate floors. Dual pane windows, updated kitchen and bath. Private patio with hot tub. Great commute location!
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DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL! **$460,000**
Skyline. Great location, beautiful plans! View www.ElvertonLot.com.
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EZ PAD **$380,000**
Brookwood. Top location off upper Lakeshore near Trestle Glen. EZ lot to have level pad. Gentle upslope. Utilities in street, Open to offer.
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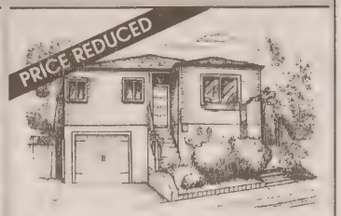


This is a sunny 2BR/1BA home with lots of original charm, including hardwood floors, a living room fireplace and a separate dining room. The kitchen is spacious and has laundry hookups for your convenience. The floor plan flows well, great for entertaining and your enjoyment. The backyard is a sunny and private oasis with fruit trees and a patio. The house is located on a sunny lot with a detached garage at the rear of the lot and plenty of storage in the basement. Enjoy the convenience of Maxwell Park in this beautiful home.

Offered at *$525,000*

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Very sunny 3BR/2BA home with lots of original features blended with decorator updates throughout. Hardwood floors, fireplace in the living room, a spacious dining room and kitchen combine for great living and entertaining spaces. There are 2 bedrooms, 1 bath upstairs, another bedroom and bath downstairs. Both baths have designer updates. This home also has the convenience of interior access to the garage and laundry room. The landscaped front yard and huge backyard make this a wonderful home for your enjoyment.

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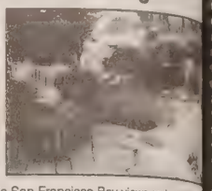
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Sunday 2-4:30 **$765,000**
1240 Bates Rd. New price on charming 3BR/2BA Spanish Mediterranean.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **$629,000**
1224 Channing. New price! 1456 sq. ft. Remod beauty! 3BR/1BA, great location.
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Sunday 2-4 **$479,000**
2789 Frazier. 3BR/1BA. Cute cottage. Indoor-out living. Great yard!
Jake McTigue (510) 868-1400



Sunday 2-5
1846 Dwight Way. 1BR/1BA remodeled kitchen, bath
Rochelle Losman

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Sunday 2-4:30 **$1,785,000**
6021 Acacia Ave. Gracious 4BR/2.5BA Colonial in prestigious Claremont Pines.
Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

Sunday 2-4:30 **$1,200,000**
4350 Bridgeview Dr. Charming 3+BR/2BA. 1920s Mediterranean retreat.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **$1,099,000**
6700 Gunn Dr. New price. Stunning 5BR/4BA, family rm, office.
Gina Chrys (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-4:30 **$899,000**
901 Alma Place. Stunning 3BR/2.5BA Eng-lish architecture in Crocker Highlands.
Patricia Makinen (510) 339-9290

Sunday 2-5 **$845,000**
1478 Excelsior. Fine updated home with many original detals.
Barbara Robinson-Potts (510) 834-2010

Sunday 1-5 **$799,000**
6378 Valley View. Light-filled modern living in Montclair. 4BR/2BA, walls of glass, new roof, garage.
Nicole Bailey (510) 845-0211

Sunday 1-4 **$795,000**
5367 Belgrave. Sat/Sun Rockridge Craftsman 2+BR/1BA. 5367Belgrave.com
Ortrun Niesar (510) 845-0211

Sunday 2-4:30 **$750,000**
1244 Mountain Blvd. Expanded 3+BR/2+BA Montclair cottage on .23 acre.
Gene Boomer (510) 339-9290

Sunday 2-4:30 **$699,000**
5837 Scarborough Dr. Spacious 3+BR/2BA light-filled Montclair home.
Bill Boom (510) 339-9290

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Sunday 2-5 **$569,000**
2900 Rawson St. Truly special 2BR/2BA, remodeled, easy yard access.
Kate Tanaka (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-5 **$439,000**
5467 Wadean. 2+BR/1BA Charming bungalow w/upgraded kitchen & bath, refinished HWF. New roof & foundation including large private yard & workshop/studio.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **$439,000**
750 Oakland Ave. #204. Rose garden gem on Piedmont border! Huge 1BR. Best commute location.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **$349,000**
320 Lee #306. 1BR/1BA, HWF, deck, views, low HOA, secure parking, walk to lake.
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Sunday 1-4 **$339,000**
525 Mandana Blvd. #103. 1BR/1BA, Lake Merritt area. Upgraded kitchen.
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Oceanview Bungalow **$594,000**
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Sunday 2-4 **$569,000**
535 Madison, Albany. 2+BR/1BA view home + spaces/expansion potential.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **$439,000**
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Luisa Castillo (510) 388-8689

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Sat & Sun 2-4 **$545,000**
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Many things to consider when selling in balanced market

elling your home fore buying is wisest d tip take

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For the first time in many years, ers believe we're heading to- d a balanced market. A bal- ed market is one that favors nei- buyers nor sellers. In a seller's ket, buyers usually face a lot of petition. They often need to er the asking price and waive ngencies to get an offer ac- ted. In a buyer's market, there re sellers than buyers.

Listings take longer to sell; buyers can afford to be choosy. A balanced market is somewhere in between a seller's and a buyer's market.



DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

listings take longer to sell; buy- an afford to be choosy. A bal- ed market is somewhere in be- n a seller's and a buyer's ket.

wever, even in a balanced ket, you'll find pockets of vari- depending on supply and de- d. For example, in desirable borhoods where inventory is s balanced market might ex- characteristics of a seller's mar- However, this will only be the for well-priced listings that are ime condition, or priced-to-sell ropes that have a lot of up- otential.

a hotseller's market, virtually thing sells. This is not the in a more balanced market. this in mind if you're thinking d selling your current home buying a new one.

OUSE HUNTING TIP: It's a time to make this kind of because interest rates are rel- low. However, if you intend to buy before selling, be aware that this is a riskier strategy for some homeowners than it was a year ago.

In a strong seller's market, the challenge is finding your next home. But, selling your existing home is often relatively easy. In a balanced market you will have an easier time finding a home, but it could take longer to sell. The other factor to consider is that it may be more difficult to predict ultimate sale price.

The real estate market is not static. Particularly in a transitional market, it can be stronger one month than it is the next. Unless you have ample funds at your disposal, you should factor this in to your home buying strategy.

One homeowner learned this lesson the hard way when they bought a new home in San Francisco before selling their existing Oakland, Calif., home. They made the move in 1994 when the real estate market was in transition. They bought their new San Francisco home when market activity was brisk.

Two months later when their Oakland home went on the market, the market softened enough to delay the sale a few months. The sellers reduced the asking price in order to hasten the sale. They ended up selling for less than they had

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er Bob: I own a city fixer-up- use that I want to sell. But I afford to fix it up before sale. houses in my neighborhood om handyman specials to renovated homes with major es. I realize that due to the on of my home I must sell market. Should I sell it "as ed about these companies ertise in the newspaper they houses in any condition for nd can close in a few days? ot in foreclosure or behind in ortgage. Should I list my for sale with a realty agent gh it needs work? — **Sharon**

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er Abel: Nobody can be 100 certain they are buying a or condo at the best time. why I recommend never pay- more than a 20 percent cash payment, just in case you buy house" or a "bad condo." 20 percent cash down pay- limits your maximum cash n in case you made a bad on. That's what I did when I my home. At first, the local designated. Then it dropped ually, it started going up. ove, I enjoyed living in my Today, my residence is the estment I ever made.

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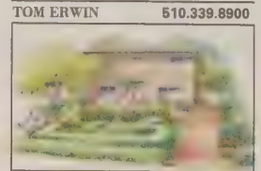
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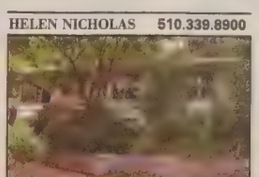
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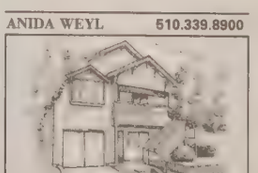
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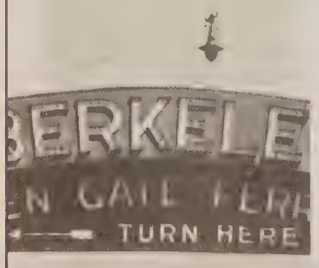
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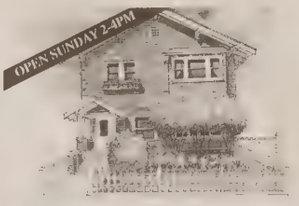


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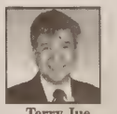
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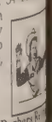
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8 LANGDON COURT ***$1,789,000***
Monterey Colonial in central Piedmont w/ traditional style, 3+BR/4BA, updated kitchen w/ granite, terrific family room w/direct access to lovely level garden & patio. Elizabeth Dickson

114 ALTA AVENUE ***$1,350,000***
A very special architect-designed & recently-built Piedmont home! With stunning hill views & an open floor plan, this spacious home has 4BR/3BA & large rumpus room. Angela Wei Grubb



10 DORMIDERA AVE. ***$1,310,000***
Centrally located in the heart of Piedmont, this traditional home enjoys nearly level living, gracious formal rooms, initmate rear gardens, separate office/ bonus space & expansive rumpus room. Mindy Scott

1135 RANLEIGH WAY ***$1,265,000***
Enjoy the contemporary new kitchen, separate guest suite & fabulous garden 'room' & spa while living just steps to outstanding schools in this beautifully maintained home. 3+BR/3.5BA. Mindy Scott

35 WILDWOOD AVENUE ***$1,235,000***
This charming home is perfectly located close to schools, transportation, and the amenities of Grand and Piedmont Avenues. Classic floor plan, eat-in-kitchen and several bonus spaces. Mindy Scott



1124 RANGLEIGH WAY ***$998,000***
Delightful 3BR/2BA Craftsman. Designer kitchen, family room, master suite, evel out to deck and private garden. Great, quiet location close to schools and shopping. Sandra Vogl

1607 GRAND AVENUE ***$925,000***
Handsome home, built to last in 1922. Classic floorplan, great natural light. Private garden patio and decks. Tree- lined street. Close to everything. 3BR/2BA. Garage. Katherine Cooper

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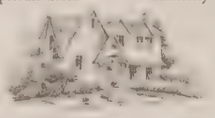
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Exquisite! Large & dramatic Tuscan Villa:4+BR, media room, office, huge kitchchen/family room. Glass paneled doors open to terraces, views & garden for indoor/outdoor access. Helene Barkin

934 WAWONA AVENUE ***$1,699,000***
Exquisite Arts & Crafts style w/grand public rooms, original architectural details & Bay views. Near Lakeshore restaurants, Farmer's Market. & S.F. transportation. Nancy Lehrkind

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1037 AQUARIUS WAY ***$1,295,000***
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1054 SUNNYHILLS RD. ***$1,275,000***
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963 HILLCROFT CIRCLE ***$1,250,000***
Crocker Highlands Colonial offers 3++BR/2.5BA, kitchen/family room, lower level "au pair" space. Beautifully landscaped yard features fruit trees & a garden railroad installation. Judith Cain

7180 BUCKINGHAM BLVD. ***$1,199,000***
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3938 OAKMORE ROAD ***$939,000***
Wonderful traditional in the sought-after Oakmore neighborhood. 4BR,2 remodeled BA. Eat-in kitchen, formal rooms w/hardwood floors. Fourth BR for family room/office. Debbi DiMaggio



6875 THE TURN ***$899,000***
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100 GLENEDEN AVE. ***$875,000***
Traditional Piedmont Avenue home. Custom kitchen/family room opens level out to a wonderful garden. Hardwood floors, formal dining, two plus rooms for bedrooms/office. Hope Broderick

4231 GILBERT STREET ***$795,000***
Beautifully renovated home (c. 1910) in the desirable Piedmont Avenue neighborhood. Comfortable, historic & meticulously detailed. 3BR/ 2BA+family room & office. Sherry Benninger

6908 THORNHILL DRIVE ***$739,000***
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3520 ROBINSON DRIVE ***$729,000***
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4441 EDGEWOOD AVE . ***$679,000***
Pristine Glenview 2+BR/1BA bungalow has beautiful architectural details, original built-ins, newly renovated kitchen, office, detached garage w/ workshop & romantic garden. Ford/Plowright

4349/4351 FLEMING AVE. ***$635,000***
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590 66TH STREET ***$625,000***
Pristine Rockridge border 2+ BR/1BA bungalow Original built-ins, spacious kitchen, laundry/pantry, office/play room, detached garage with workshop & lovely garden. Ford/Plowright

143 SAMARIA LANE ***$589,000***
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300 CALDECOTT LANE ***$575,000***
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6024 MAURITANIA AVE. ***$485,000***
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Sparkling 2BR unit in the coveted Rose Park Terrace building. Enjoy grilling on the private deck overlooking the Rose Garden. Granite counter tops and numerous upgrades. Michelle Winchester

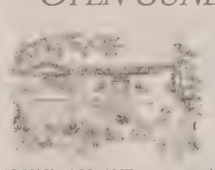
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2810 OAK KNOLL TERR. ***$3,500,000***
Classic understated elegance in Claremont Court. State-of-the-art renovations in 1910 architectural beauty.5++BR/4++BA. Lovely gardens. This home is spectacular in every way! Faye Keogh

1665 THOUSAND OAKS ***$1,150,000***
Lovely 4BR/3.5BA w/ fine craftsman details: hand hewn beams & doors, rich hardwood floors, grand living room w/handsome stone fireplace, & gorgeous outdoor spaces. Anne Van Dyke

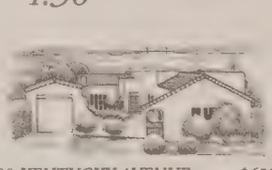
2830 DERBY STREET ***$950,000***
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1738 CAPISTRANO AVE. ***$825,000***
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1 MENLO PLACE ***$819,000***
Wonderful, picturesque home in a park like setting. Bright 2BR/1BA w/bonus areas for a studio/ workshop. Bay views & expansive new deck. Minutes to Solano & BART. Anne Van Dyke

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488 KENTUCKY AVENUE ***$650,000***
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3045 DEAKIN STREET ***$599,000***
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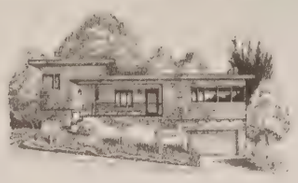
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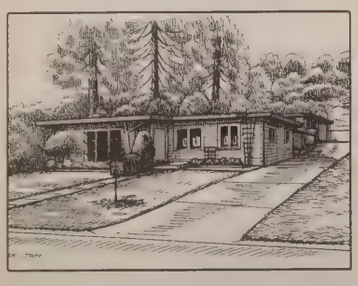


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$699,000





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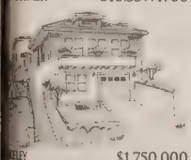
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...LEY $1,750,000
...EUNICE ST SUN 2 - 5
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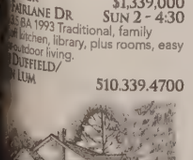
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...ALLINGTON AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
...BA John H.Thomas-designed ...ll Berk Hills. Exquisite arch. details. ...ARlingtonAve.com
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...ETTE $1,400,000
...UPPER ...L VALLEY RD SUN 2 - 4:30
...BA Colonial in garden setting. ...ect, luxury MBR, library/office, ...quin BBQ.
...ZIMMANK 925.640.4008

...TCLAIR $1,339,000
...FAIRLANE DR SUN 2 - 4:30
...BA 1993 Traditional, family ...ar kitchen, library, plus rooms, easy ...outdoor living.
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...NGTON $1,325,000
...COVENTRY RD SUN 2 - 4:30
...BA Craftsman by BEE. Renovated ...w formal LR & DR w/SF views & ...ystems throughout.
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...TCLAIR $1,310,000
...SHEPHERD CYN RD SUN 2 - 4:30
...5 BA Maple firs, spacious kit & grt ...level yd, master ste, 2 fplcs, by ...pathway.
...JOYCE 510.339.4700

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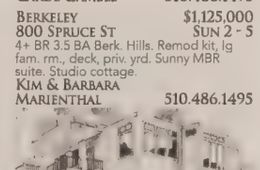
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1150 REGATTA PT SUN 2 - 4
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PT. RICHMOND $1,175,000
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MONTCLAIR $1,145,000
6995 ELVERTON SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA NEW PRICE! Bay & Lake Merritt views, Kit-granite & island, luxury Master, great decks.
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CLAREMONT HILLS $1,130,000
6899 BRISTOL DR SUN 2 - 4
4 BR 3 BA Spacious multi-level home has views, 2-story LR, formal DR, terraced yard!
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BERKELEY $1,125,000
800 SPRUCE ST SUN 2 - 5
4+ BR 3.5 BA Berk. Hills. Remod kit, lg fam. rm., deck, priv. yrd. Sunny MBR suite. Studio cottage.
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE $1,100,000
6245 BROOKSIDE AVE SAT/SUN 1:30-5
4 BR 3 BA Lovingly maintained contemporary. Easy in/outdoor living. 1st time on market in 30 years!
ELLEN LANCASTER 510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR $935,000
2855 CHELSEA SUN 1 - 5
4 BR 3.5 BA Fab traditional in Piedmont Pines w/lovely vistas, grt kit, fam rm w/ built-ins. Beautiful!
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ROCKRIDGE $910,000
6141 ROCKRIDGE BLVD SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2 BA Charm on prestigious street. Upgraded kit & baths. Huge level yard. www.6141Rockridge.com
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LINCOLN HEIGHTS $899,000
2829 SYLHOWE RD SUN 2 - 4:30
4+BR 2.5 BA Spacious home on approx 1/2 acre, nice sense of privacy. Needs work, but what potential!
DARCY DIAMANTINE/ CLAUDIA BOWMAN 510.339.4700



GLENVIEW $879,000
3837 PARK BLVD SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Exceptional home with space & light. Huge kitchen/family combo. Baths & HWD floors redone.
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MONTCLAIR $859,000
6802 GUNN DR SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Convenient location. Custom w/hdwd flrs, high ceilings, au pair & views. www.6802Gunn.com
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OAKMORE $810,000
1950 OAKVIEW SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Vus galore! ULTRA contempo. Upgraded kit & bath. Privacy, decks, more! www.1950Oakview.com
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS $789,000
4401 DAVENPORT SUN 2 - 4:30
3+BR 2.5 BA Bay views from LR, master & hot tub, fam rm, 2 FPs, level yard/ gardens. Oversized master
CHRISTINE BANKER 510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR $779,000
5573 MERRIEWOOD DR SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Updated & unique. Woodsy, beautifully finished. Convenient location www.5573Merriewood.com
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BERKELEY $750,000
2022-2024 8TH ST SUN 2 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Retreat in W. Berk. Stained glss wndws, hi ceiling LR, + separate 2-story studio w/loft.
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SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS $749,000
3965 TURNLEY AVE SUN 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Wonderful curb appeal! Spanish Med, lg non-conforming space. Make this your special home!
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EL CERRITO $719,000
560 COLUSA AVE SUN 2 - 4
4 BR 2 BA Great house near Fat Apples restaurant. Master suite, 2 FRPL, gleaming HDWDs, backyard
GENE DELLA MAGGIORA 510.486.1495

MONTCLAIR $699,000
5765 BALBOA DR SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Spacious w/knotty pine den. Views, secluded, level patio & space for potential expansion.
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MONTCLAIR $699,000
6608 PINEHAVEN RD SAT/SUN 2-4:30
2 BR 1 BA Charming cottage. Hdwd flrs, fplc, updated kit w/marble, lg patio. www.6608Pinehaven.com
ALICIA DRAKE/ KARA THACKER 510.339.4700

SAN LEANDRO $699,000
561 JOAQUIN AVE SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Charming Craftsman. LR w/ frplc. Lg private yd w/play structure. Hdwd flrs, conv location.
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OAK KNOLL $689,000
3660 CALAFIA AVE SUN 2 - 5
3+BR 2.5 BA Beautifully remod Tudor w/ hdwd flrs, crown molding, patio, 2-car garage, landscaped yard
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BERKELEY $675,000
2026 CEDAR ST SUN 2 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Stunning top-floor Victorian condo in the heart of N. Berk. Remodeled gourmet kit & bath!
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EL SOBRANTE/ RICHMOND $669,000
4935 SANTA RITA RD SUN 1 - 4
4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious house on El Sobrante/ Richmond border. Lovingly maintained
KIMIKO TERRY & SEBASTIAN AGES 510.486.1495

SAN LEANDRO $669,000
963 HELEN AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Updated home w/great yard, garage, deck, large gazebo for outdoor living & gardens
MICHELLE FERGUSON 510.583.5430

REDWOOD HEIGHTS $659,000
4407 BENNETT PL SUN 2 - 5
2+BR 1 BA Charming Span/Med w/fam, LR, DR, hdwd flrs, bonus rm & huge yard! Close to park & shops
GEORGE KARSANT 510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR $649,000
6880 THORNHILL DR SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Living-dining opens to deck w/ big canyon view. Minutes to village, schools, pool & park.
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CROCKER AREA $649,000
1125 EXCELSIOR AVE SUN 2 - 5
2 BR 1.5 BA Calif bungalow filled w/ character, lg formal rooms, beautiful woodwork & lovely built-ins.
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BERKELEY $645,000
1606 BLAKE ST SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2 BA 1910 Berkeley home on three levels. Romantic attic master suite w/view of SF/GG Bridge.
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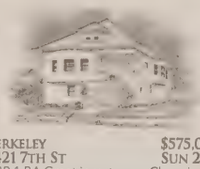
BERKELEY $629,000
1317 PARKER ST SUN 2 - 4
4 BR 2 BA appealing duplex, hdwd flrs, backyrd, one unit vacant, off-street parking, near cafes.
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ROCKRIDGE $625,000
5109 LAWTON AVE SUN 2 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Bright & sunny vintage cottage w/ many quality upgrades. www.5109Lawton.com
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HERCULES $615,000
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3 BR 2 BA Hstoric Victorian.Comp.restr& renov.Nr Bay trails. 2stry, fdr, deck, grdn, prch, eatin kit, CHARM!
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BERKELEY $575,000
2421 7TH ST SUN 2 - 5
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TARA HILLS/ BAYVIEW PARK $555,000
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3 BR 2 BA Beautiful Tara Hills home Spacious, remod. kit, hdwd flrs, granite countertops, 2-car gar
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EL CERRITO $525,000
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3 BR 2.5 BA Fabulous SF view 2-story twhse. Private end-unit, lrg. deck+prvte patio, 2c gar. Near BART.
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MONTCLAIR $519,000
218 DUNCAN WAY SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA Close to shops/freeway, bright, cozy cottage exudes charm. Large lot. Great starter.
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LAUREL $505,000
3107 BERLIN WAY SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA www.BerlinWay.com See Web site for more. Wonderful home located on high side of the street
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OAKLAND/ MILLSMONT $485,000
3221 61ST AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 1 BA Updated bungalow w/bay windows, back deck, remodeled kit. Over 1300 sqft...a must-see!
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OAKLAND $485,000
6127 OUTLOOK AVE SUN 1 - 4
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FRUITVALE $449,000
3048 BONA ST SUN 2 - 4:30
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However, if you're trying to buy into a pocket of the market that is in high demand and where there aren't a lot of homes for sale, like the Upper Rockridge neighborhood in Oakland, a contingent sale offer may stand little chance of being successful even in a more balanced market.

Keep an open mind about your options. If you sell your current home before buying the new one, you'll know exactly how much money you have to work with. You don't have risk of coming up short of the funds you will need to make a financially prudent move.

THE CLOSING: You may have to make a move to an interim rental. But, that's better than racing to buy a home that may not work for you in a couple of years.

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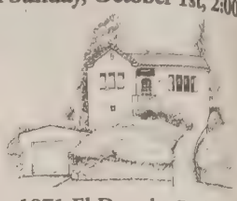
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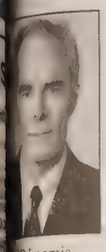
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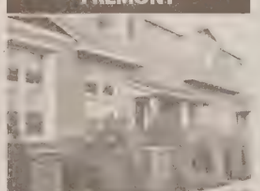


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Simple kitchen storage solutions

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As the seasons change, items in your pantry follow suit. To prevent you from losing your "peas" of mind, here are tips to organize your kitchen cabinets and pantry shelves to make the most of this space and keep everything up-to-date all year round.

■ Empty every shelf. Not only is it easier to wipe out dust and crumbs from hard-to-reach corners, but you can also sort through old and outdated food. Before restacking your shelves, clean the surface thoroughly and line each one with a non-adhesive shelf liner, such as Duck brand Shelving & Storage Easy Liner, to create a protective barrier and a clean, fresh surface area.

■ Survey all your food items and remember: If you can't (or won't) use it, you might as well lose it. Separate those items you may not use in the near future and donate them to local food drives or food banks. This will save space and help clear away the clutter.

■ Stack jars and cans to maximize the amount of space behind your pantry doors. To avoid a creative balancing act, add extra shelving with Duck brand Stack It Shelves. These no-assembly-required shelves are perfect for pantry floors, helping to keep items in view and putting wasted space between shelves to good use.

■ Group similar items in your pantry together. This will help you keep track of items that need to be replenished and prevent you from restocking ones that might be lost on another shelf. For added organization, sort food from back to front in order of expiration date to make sure everything is used when freshest.

■ Make your pantry more ergonomic and user-friendly by stocking items used most often on eye-level shelves for easier access. Move less-frequently-used and heavier items to lower spots and, naturally, store lighter objects or anything you'd like to keep out of the reach of children on upper shelves.



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STACK JARS AND CANS in order to maximize space in your pantry.

Although kitchen pantry clean-up is a time-consuming task, simple storage solutions can help make the job a little easier and a lot less frequent. Organizing your shelves will not only free up more room in your kitchen pantry, but also room in your schedule to let you conquer your more enjoyable to-do list instead.

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How to update English country style for today

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One of the most popular decorating styles of the past few decades has been the English country look. Characterized by its comfort, timelessness, and livability, English country style is sophisticated without being pretentious. But today, according to the design experts at Stroheim & Romann, the high-end resource for decorative fabrics, wallpapers, and trimmings, this look has evolved into one that is cleaner, lighter, less cluttered, and more suited to the way we live now. Here are Stroheim & Romann's tips for updating English country rooms:

■ The essence of English country style used to be an abundance of large floral prints. Now, instead of combining several florals in a room, choose one strong pattern, and use it as the focal point. Mix it with crisp stripes or checks and textured solids for a fresh new look.

■ Often the most elegant window treatments are simple drapery panels, opulently full and hung floor to ceiling from wood or metal rods and rings, used alone or paired with Roman shades in textured or sheer fabrics.

■ To create a more relaxing, modern ambiance, keep the color palette simple, and even somewhat monochromatic, rather than mixing several vibrant colors. Especially effective are warm neutrals with complementary color accents.

■ Choose your fabrics and furnishings with comfort and practicality in mind. Furniture that is uncomfortable has no place in an English country-style home. Look for deep-seated sofas and chairs in hard-wearing and lush fabrics such as chenilles, velvets, brocades and tapestries

■ English Country rooms often incorporate an eclectic mix of furnishings. Traditional furniture can blend well with clean-lined, more contemporary shapes, formal pieces can be paired with casual and varying textures and materials can be played off one another for a fresh, timely look.

■ Simple, neutral-toned floor coverings or polished hardwood floors will give rooms a newer, sparer look than densely patterned carpets, and help individual pieces of furniture stand out.

■ English Country style often includes an abundance of design details, such as decorative moldings, mantels and other architectural elements. Even if your room is devoid of these details, you can give it elegance and personality through the use of trimmings and wallpaper.

■ Although English Country rooms are usually romantic and filled with mementos and treasured collectibles, the look has evolved into one that is less cluttered. Choose a few accessories that can be showcased effectively for a look that says "less is more."

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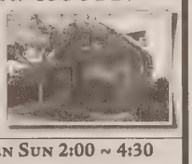
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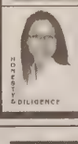
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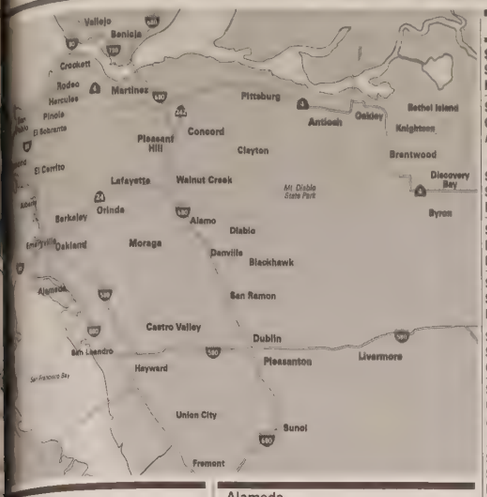


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$1,098,000 2358 Coral Sea St. 4BD/2.5BA
Sat & Sun 2-5 Bayport 510-748-1108
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Bill & Griselda Bissett

$1,129,000 1626 Alameda Ave. Duplex
Open Sun 2-4 510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors Andrea Gordon

$1,165,000 1414 San Jose Ave. 3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4 510-523-2314
Kane & Associates Sally Rudloff

$1,274,950 3100 Lincoln Avenue 4BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors Andrea Gordon

$1,525,000 1007 Morton Street 4BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-205-4369/510-205-3575
Kane & Associates D. Gunderman/A. Raskopf

$1,529,000 123 Oldcastle 5BD/3BA
Open Sun. 1-4 415-927-1983
Open House Realty Agent

Albany

$549,000 735 Evelyn Ave 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-830-9717
Red Oak Realty Sam Peterson

$569,000 535 Madison 2+bd/1ba
Open Sat/Sun. 2-4 510-919-1712
Prudential Kathleen Wilson

$639,000 799 Taft Ave 3bd/2ba
Open Sat/Sun. 2-4 Albany Hill 510-558-0638
Choice Properties Lina Wu

$955,000 1031 Ordway St 3bd/1.5ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-835-6218
Red Oak Realty Heidi & Jerry Long

Berkeley

$300,100 2550 Dana #7B 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1363
Pacific Union Residential Leslie Easterday

$350,000 2018 9th St. #F 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-849-9900
Maison Nouveau Scott Ward

$375,000 73 Panoramic Way 1bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 Berkeley Hills 510-524-9888x23
Berkeley Hills R.E. Jane Allen

$399,000 2327 9th Street 3+BD/1+BA
Open Sun 2-5 415-760-5026
Pacific Union Residential Carol Crosby

$425,000 2214 A Carlton Street 1+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. Ruth Frassetto

$439,000 1328 4th Street 1+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Live/Work 510-706-2937
Anne Bruff & Associates Heidi Kearsley

$439,000 2418 5th St A 1BD/1BA
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-868-1564
Prudential Berkeley Anita Becker

$499,000 2141 Oregon St Unit 1 3bd/1.5ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2162
Red Oak Realty Saraya Motley

$549,000 1350 Hopkins St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2126
Red Oak Realty Leif Jenssen

$575,000 2421 7th Street 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-5 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Cheryl Cahn

$575,000 75 Panoramic Way 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 Berkeley Hills 510-524-9888x23
Berkeley Hills R.E. Jane Allen

$579,000 2328 Acton St 2+bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1-5 510-845-0211
Prudential Claremont Amy K. Hayashida

$589,000 2422 Acton St 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-280-2109
Red Oak Realty Lori Kyle

$599,000 3045 Deakin Street 3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400
The Grubb Co. Jennifer Fickenscher

$609,000 1312 Northside DUPLEX
Open Sun. 2-4 Westbrae 510-848-1950x240
Thornwall Properties Colleen Larkin

$629,000 1224 Channing 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Poet's Corner 510-428-0900
Prudential Piedmont Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine

$629,000 1317 Parker Street 4BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Parviz Bagherzadeh

$645,000 1606 Blake Street 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Zanna Knight

$650,000 488 Kentucky Avenue 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. Candice Economides

$675,000 2026 Cedar Street 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Gene Della Maggiora

$685,000 3204 Ellis St 3bd/1.5ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-697-8079
Red Oak Realty Tim Cassidy

$695,000 1221 Lorneil 3++bd/1.5ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Westbrae 510-868-1487
Prudential Berkeley Barbara Reynolds

$695,000 1655 Scenic 2+bd/1.5ba
Sun 2-4:30pm No. Berkeley 510-868-1487
Prudential Berkeley Barbara Reynolds

$695,000 1825 Channing Way 2+BD/2BA
OPEN 2-4:30 510913-3000
Investment House Realty Jeanne Yeh, Agt.

$695,000 2230 6th St 3bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-387-3321
Red Oak Realty John Newell

$699,000 2424-26 7th St DUPLEX
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-280-2173
Red Oak Realty Amy Robeson

Berkeley

$699,500 911 Modoc Street 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400
The Grubb Co. Chris Cohn

$750,000 2022-2024 8th Street 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-5 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Kim/Barbara Marienthal

$789,000 2125 Marin Ave 3+bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2122
Red Oak Realty Shahin Bayat

$819,000 1 Menlo Place 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400
The Grubb Co. Anne Van Dyke

$825,000 1738 Capistrano Ave. 2+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. Susie Schevill

$825,000 1971 E IDorado 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 No. Berkeley 510-524-9888
Berkeley Hills R.E. Nancy M. x20/Mary Lou A. x53

$849,000 1364 Grizzly Peak Blvd. 4BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors Tom Erwin

$849,000 1629 Grant St 4bd/3ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2126
Red Oak Realty Leif Jenssen

$870,000 2604 Grant St. 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1:30-4:30 925-216-8046
Prudential California Realty Keith Miller

$879,000 2753 Ashby Pl 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-529-1743
Red Oak Realty Sarah Richards

$919,950 2808 Ashby Ave. 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 925-548-1279
RE/MAX CC Connection Pat Hejtmanek

$925,000 1711San Lorenzo 3bd/2ba
Open Sun.2-4 Thousand Oaks 510-526-6668
Re/Max Executive Carol & Ira Serkes

$950,000 2830 Derby Street 3BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. Helene Barkin

$975,000 2800 Derby 4BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1336
Pacific Union Jack McPhail

$979,000 1624 Martin Luther King Jr Wy 4+bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-717-2215
Red Oak Realty Dianne Arancibia

$998,500 764 Contra Costa Ave 3++bd/3ba
Sun. 2-4:30 510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes Martha Shin

$1,075,000 6833 Sherwick 3bd/3ba
Open Sun 2-4 Claremont Hills 510-848-1950
Thornwall Properties Colleen Larkin

$1,125,000 800 Spruce Street 4BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-5 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Kim/Barbara Marienthal

$1,260,000 26 Northgate Avenue 5BD/4BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-899-8000
Alain Pinel Realtors Sarah Schisler

$1,350,000 266 Hillcrest Road 5BD/3BA
Open Sun 1-4 510-521-1177
Windermere Real Estate Peter Fletcher

$1,395,000 2925 Hillegass 6+BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1363
Pacific Union Jack McPhail

$1,495,000 892 Arlington 4BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Laura Arechiga

$1,540,000 797 San Diego Rd 5bd/4ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Indian Rock 415-451-1460
Marchant Chapman Realty Jane Manning

$1,550,000 523 Spruce St 4bd/3ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2126
Red Oak Realty Leif Jenssen

$1,650,000 2141 Eunice Street 4BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-5 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Barbara Levy

$3,500,000 2810 Oak Knoll Terrace 5BD/4BA
Open Sun 2-5 510-701-0230
Pacific Union GMAC Nancy Rothman

Castro Valley

$649,000 1736 Grove Way 3BD/1.5BA
Sun 1-4 510-346-4112
United Brokers Tere Lee

$1,200,000 3048 Todd Ct 4bd/3.5ba
Sun. 2-4:30 510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes Ken Nwokedi

Dublin

$528,000 7909 Cranford Lane 3 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4 510-828-3118
Kane & Associates Kathie & Patrick Ng

El Cerrito

$368,000 1751 Liberty St. #105 2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-691-1222
Coldwell Banker Bartels Sam Cheng

$399,000 6400 Moeser Ln #3 2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4 510-527-2700x27
Marvin Gardens Ann Arriola Plant

$465,000 1607 Liberty Ave 3bd/2.5ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-527-9111
Marvin Gardens Lloyd Jung

$524,000 63 Wildwood Pl 3bd/2.5ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2158
Red Oak Realty Jose Fernandez

$525,000 33 Wildwood Place 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 1-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Diana Kay

$525,000 540 Liberty Ave 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-527-9111
Marvin Gardens Todd Hodson/Ron Egherman

$525,000 6725 Portola Dr 2bd/1+ba
Sun. 2-4 510-207-2968
Thornwall Properties Helen Walker/Katryn Stein

$581,000 840 Bates 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 Arlington Heights 510-527-5500
Berkeley Home R.E. Selma Klett

$629,000 5637 Ludwig Ave. 3 BD/2 BA
Open Sun 2-4 925-297-0346
RE/MAX Accord Magany

$639,000 2256 Mira Vista Drive 3BD/1BA
Sun 1-4 510-521-1177
Windermere Real Estate Peter Fletcher

$679,000 3344/3346 Yosemite Ave 2 HOMES
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-830-9717
Red Oak Realty Sam Peterson

$680,000 1120 Lawrence Ct 4bd/2.5ba
Open Sun. 2-5 510-339-4000
Montclair Better Homes Arnold Mueller

El Cerrito

$685,000 508 Village Dr 2++bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4 510-559-2937
Marvin Gardens Diana Mendler

$698,000 1728 Julian Ct 3bd/2ba
Open Sat/Sun. 2-5 510-845-0211
Prudential Claremont Nancy Taussig, Scott Scully

$719,000 560 Colusa Avenue 4BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Gene Della Maggiora

$729,000 822 Pomona Ave 5bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1:30-4 510-662-8469
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$399,000 7 Quail Hill Lane 2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 1-4 925-997-0123
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Emeryville

$479,900 4114 Adeline Street 2BD/1.5BA
Open Sat/Sun 1-4 925-878-6603
Intero Real Estate Services Stella Tsakonas

$545,000 1250 Powell St. #7 1bd/1ba+Loft
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2105
Red Oak Realty Sara Garabedian

$678,000 1364 Powell St. 2 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4:30 415-296-2108
McGuire Real Estate Robin Dustan

Fremont

$425,000 47165 Male Terrace 2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-292-2023
Red Oak Realty Jon Goree

$675,000 3573 Shadow Brook 3BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-4 Sequoia Crossing 510-748-1174/748-1169
Gallagher & Lindsey M. & W. Mariani / J. LoParo

Hayward

$569,000 27827 Pompano Ave. 3 BD/2 BA
Sat & Sun 2:30-4:30 510-748-1166
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Rolando Basora

$699,000 1648 E Street 5 BD/3 BA
Open Sun 2-4 415-509-5879
Reynolds & Associates Dan Reynolds

$1,249,000 28836 Bailey Ranch Rd 6bd/3ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-508-5580
Coldwell Banker Bartels Mary Cao

$1,499,000 28823 Bay Heights Rd 5bd/3ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-508-5580
Coldwell Banker Bartels Mary Cao

Hercules

$419,950 264 Napoli Ct. 2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-339-4000
Montclair Better Homes Robert M. Scott

$615,000 127 Pinole St. 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Maxine Malberg

$706,220 2027 Cabrillo Ln. 4bd/2.5ba
Sun. 1-4 510-691-1222
Coldwell Banker Bartels Sam Cheng

$889,000 1081 Promenade St 3+bd/2+ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-292-2030
Red Oak Realty Catherine Stern

$1,250,000 1150 Regetta Pt. 4BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Kim & Barbara Marienthal

Kensington

$799,000 2 Highland Blvd. 3+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Kensington 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. Susie Schevill

$799,000 85 Ardmore Rd 3bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-5 510-845-0211
Prudential Claremont Marilyn Baker

$999,000 57 Edgecroft 3 Units
Open Sun 2-4:30 Kensington 510-339-0400
The Grubb Co. Ed Kuo

$1,125,000 420 Coventry Road 4BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Lori Jensen

$2,900,000 44 Marguerita Rd 5bd/5ba
Open Sun. 2-4 415-386-4138
Jill Hacker Real Estate

Lafayette

$1,400,000 1178 Up. Happy Valley Rd 4BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 925-640-6008
Coldwell Banker Ana Zimmank

$1,599,000 3926 Woodside Court 5BD/3.5BA
Open Sat 12-3/Sun 1-4 888-297-2961 x102
Intero Real Estate Services D. Green/S. Tsakonas

$1,800,000 770 Tanglewood Dr. 6BD/6BA
Open Sunday 1-5pm 510-205-4011
Specific Properties Agent Robert Piechuta

$1,995,000 3966 Quail Ridge Road 4+BD/2+BA
Open Sun 1-4 510-338-1379
Pacific Union Residential Steven Biasatti

Livermore

$677,950 940 Redondo Way 4 BD/3 BA
Open Sat & Sun 1-4 925-44-FROST
TEAM 44-FROST

Oakland

$219,000 5825 Thornhill #1 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-338-1310
Pacific Union Robyn Mohr

$235,000 150 Pearl Street #118 Studio
Open Sun 2-4:30 Adams Point 510-338-1307
Pacific Union Residential Jeffrey Himmel

$239,000-349,000 3916 A & B Gardenia Pl 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 House & Cottage 510-706-2937
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Montclair Better Homes Patricia Bennett

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Sun 2-4:30 510-521-1647
Bayside Real Estate Quinn Stone

$336,000 710 #A Canyon Oaks Dr 1bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes Jennifer Hobbs

$336,500 288 Whitmore St. #227 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-5 888-742-4999
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965 Shorepoint Ct. 1BD/1BA
Central Alameda 510-912-5055
Lindsey Inc. Ruth Masonek

2133 Santa Clara Ave. #212 2BD/1.5 BA
Central Alameda 510-213-1346
Lindsey Inc. Chi Wu

2205 San Antonio #C 2bd/1.5ba
Sun. 1-4 510-899-8132
Williams Joanne Madlung

1625 Oak Street 2 BD/1 BA
1-4 415-587-4212
Baldini Real Estate Vilma / Cathy

2101 Shoreline Dr. #420 2 BD/1.5 BA
510-508-7959
Realty Carol Burnett

1816 Chestnut 1 BD/1 BA
510-523-0746
Associates Mindy Hart

1351 Mound Street 1BD/1BA
2-4 510-332-6507
Assoc. Karen Manuel

1063 Mangrove Ln. 3 BD/2.5 BA
Bay Farm Island 510-814-4857/814-4813
Bay Realty Carole & Richard Kim

2253 Clinton Ave. 1+BD/1 BA
Central 510-407-0175
Properties of Ca Anne DeBardeleben

3152 Fir Ave. 3 BD/2.5 BA
Bay Farm Island 510-814-4848
Bay Realty Ringo Liu

339 Broadway #218 2 BD/2 BA
510-508-7959
Realty Carol Burnett

154 Oak Park Drive 2 BD/2.5 BA
430 Harbor Bay Isle 510-814-4832
Bay Realty Dania Alvarez

2809 San Jose Avenue 2BD/1BA
East End 510-912-5055
Lindsey Inc. Ruth Masonek

3458 Dutchcap Ln. 3 BD/2 BA
4-30/Sun 2-4 BF Isl. 510-814-4814/814-4865
Bay Realty Connie Hanna/Lena Sazo

1123 Bismarck Lane 3BD/2.5BA
2-4:30 510-531-7000 x258
Bennett Realtors Catherine Vallee

1164 Island Drive 4 BD/2.5 BA
Bay Farm Island 510-814-4819/814-4847
Bay Realty Nancy & Chuck Bianchi

1839 9th Street 2+BD/2BA
510-205-4369/205-3575
Associates D.Gunderman/A. Raskopf

430-A Cola Ballena 2BD/2BA
510-205-4369/205-3575
Associates D.Gunderman/A. Raskopf

3240 Sterling Ave. 2 BD/1 BA
East End 510-814-4864
Bay Realty Ronald Jones

1031 Pearl St. 2 BD/1 BA
East End 510-853-5987
Realty George Williams

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East End 510-418-3731
Bay Realty Catherine Bierwith

3520 Bowman Court 2BD/2BA
day, 2-5pm 415-823-7195
Bennett Realty Lucila Sanchez

933 Shoreline Drive #306 2 BD/2 BA
Southshore 510-303-2525
Realty Bette Barr

106 Holly Oak Lane 2 BD/2 BA+
510-748-5300
Iris Real Estate

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East End 510-303-2525
Realty Bette Barr

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East End 510-333-8897
Realty Eileen Walker

1016 Begonia Dr. 3 BD/2 BA
Bay Farm Island 510-914-3003
Realty Steve Sorensen

845 Portola Ave. 2 BD/1.5 BA
2:30-5 Central Alameda 510-814-4884
Bay Realty Izabella Lipetski

1135 Mound St. 2 BD/1.5 BA
2-4:30 510-769-1606
Real Estate John Bickley

2829 Brown St. 2 BD/2.5 BA
Real Estate 510-847-2638
Phillip Kaake

1544 9th St. 3 BD/1 BA
2-4 Central Alameda 510-814-4800/814-4828
Bay Realty Janet Iverson/Martha Turner

1715 Chestnut St. 2 BD
w/ water tower 510-381-1573
Jan Mason

1083 Independence Drive 2BD/2BA
Associates 510-579-2137
Kate Odorizzi

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10-1 Marina Village 510-814-4861
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Prudential CA Realty Nancy Blom

$349,000 320 Lee #306 1BD/1BA
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Adams Point 510-868-1554
Prudential Berkeley Anita Becker

$349,000 3825 High St. #103 2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1-5 510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair Erik Johnson

$354,000 466 Crescent Street #208 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-5 Grand Lake 510-531-7000 x292
Wells & Bennett Realtors Carol Robbiano

$355,000 245 Perkins #22 1bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Adams Pt 510-595-7699
Keller Williams Dave Higgins

$365,000 360 Vernon St. #101 1BD/1BA
Sat 2-4 Adams Point 510-748-1190
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Carole Souza

$369,000 3829 Webster St. #3 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4 Lower Temescal 510-547-5970 x55
Lawton Associates Ron Kriss

$374,000 3215 Lorenzo 1bd/1ba
Sun 2-4:30 510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair Katie O'Shea

$379,000 3829 Webster St. #2 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4 Lower Temescal 510-547-5970 x55
Lawton Associates Ron Kriss

$380,000 1020 Jackson #204 1bd/1ba
Open Sat/Sun. 12-5 Downtown 510-435-6229
Re/Max Executive Elena Stone, R.E. Broker

$385,000 3665 39th Ave 1+bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-4:30 Laurel 510-435-6229
Re/Max Executive Elena Stone, R.E. Broker

$400,000 3825 High St. 2BD/2BA
Sun 1-3 Villa Del Lago 510-748-1188
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Rich Lai

$419,000 320 Lee Street #402 2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Lake Merrit 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. Ruth Franssetto

$419,000 896 47th St 1+bd/1ba
Open Sat/Sun. 2-5 No. Oakland 510-928-61680
Prudential Grand Lake Mayling Trinh

$419,950 1 Lakeside Drive #408 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 925-998-1069
Intero Real Estate Services Janette Licata

$420,000 7908 Earl St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-4 King Estates 510-593-3585
Keller Williams Oakland Desiree Feiger

$425,000 910 58th St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-292-2029
Red Oak Realty Bill Fletcher

$429,000 1518 5th St 3bd/1.5ba
Open Sat 1-4 510-662-8554
Security Pacific Jerome Leonard Sr

$439,000 3016 Florida St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Laurel 510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair Mary Dresser

$439,000 565 Bellevue #1608 1BD/1BA
Open 2-4 Lake Merritt 510-338-1366
Pacific Union Residential Joanna Hirsch

$448,000 2323 Magnolia #9 LOFT
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2105
Red Oak Realty Sara Garabedian

$449,000 3048 Bona Street 2+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Fruitvale 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Marlena S. Lyons

$449,000 3528 Penniman Ave 2+bd/1ba
Sun 2-4:30 Laurel 510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair Vince Moran

$449,000 525 Monte Vista Ave #10 2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Rose Garden 510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes Nader Davari

$449,000 622 Alcatraz #D 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2183
Red Oak Realty Julia Temple

$449,000 7907 Hillmont Drive 3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-899-8000
Alain Pinel Realtors Victor Fierro

$459,000 2675 Nicol Ave 2bd/1ba
Sun. 2-4:30 Fruitvale 510-339-4000
Montclair Better Homes Seki Chikami

$465,000 1477 Tucker St 2bd/2.5ba
Open Sun 2 -4:30 510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes Regina Jacobs

$469,000 5932 Mauritania Avenue 3BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. Helene Barkin

$469,000 740-43rd St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-5 No. Oakland 510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair Michael Stephens

$470,000 255-3rd St 1bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-5 Jack London Sq 510-339-9290
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$475,000 2222 Harrington Ave 3+bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-506-2762
Windermere Real Estate Janet Kaplan

$479,000 2789 Frazier 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-4 510-868-1575
Prudential Berkeley Jake McTigue

$479,000 330 Park View Terr. #410 2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1-5 Adams Pt 510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes Jennie Lippincott

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$479,000 389 Belmont Street #408 2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Adams Point 510-338-1368
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$479,950 1 Lakeside Drive #213 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 925-998-1069
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$485,000 3221 61 St Avenue 3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Laura Arechiga

$485,000 6024 Mauritania Avenue 3BD/1.5BA
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The Grubb Co. Karen Starr

$485,000 6127 Outlook Avenue 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Gaby Olander

$485,000 622 Alcatraz #A 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2183
Red Oak Realty Julia Temple

$485,000 670 Vernon Street #102 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Avenue 510-339-0400
The Grubb Co. Michelle Winchester

$489,000 1801 E. 24th St. 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-774-4231
Red Oak Realty Mark Lederer

$494,000 311 Oak St. Loft 509 1bd/1.5ba
Sat/Sun. 2-5 Jack London Square 510-368-0069
Keller Williams Adrian Michelle

$495,000 3872 Whittie 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Upper Dimond 510-652-6537
Pacific Union Tom Nemeth

$495,000 5410 Market St 2bd/1ba
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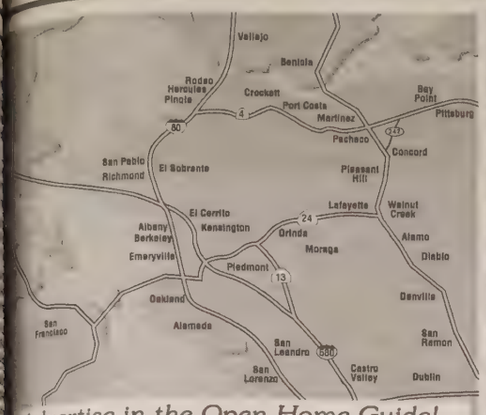
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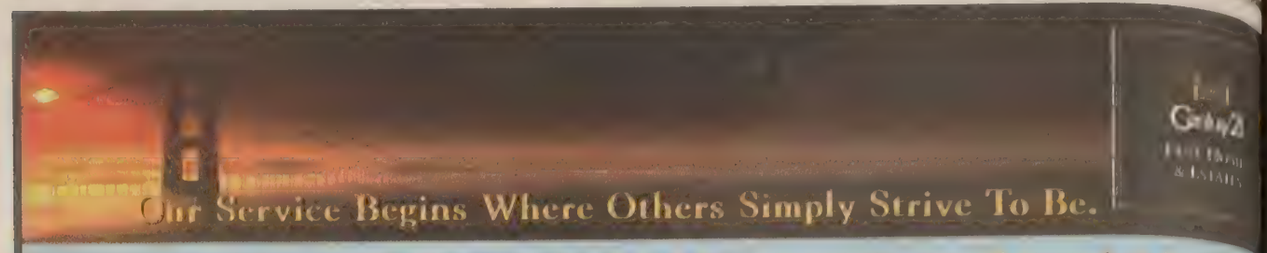
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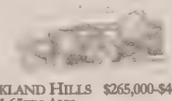
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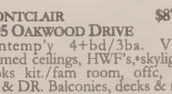
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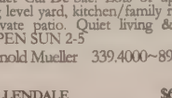
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Around the horn

Cougars end power outage

The Albany High School football team scored its most points in more than two years with Friday's 32-28 victory over Richmond. Before that game, the last time that the Cougars scored more than 30 points in a game was Sept. 17, 2004, when Albany beat Mission San Jose 44-21. The Cougars produced 28 or more points three times that season, but didn't score more than 14 points in any game last season.

— Phil Jensen

Coaches coaching coaches

Current St. Joseph Notre Dame boys basketball coach Don Lippi and former St. Joseph and Bishop O'Dowd coach Mike Phelps will lend their expertise in a coaching seminar at Encinal High School on Saturday, Oct. 7. The seminar, open to any grade school , high school or Amateur Athletic Union coach, will run from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., or until the last coach leaves. Lippi and Phelps plan a comprehensive package of topics, including team selection, team bonding, conditioning, community service and offseason preparations. The championship-winning coaches also will share their philosophies of on-court basics such as offense, defense and game adjustments. Cost is $20 and includes lunch. Sign-up deadline is Monday, Oct. 2, for those wanting lunch, but walk-ups will be accepted. Call 814-7145 or e-mail dlippi@sjnd.org for details.

— Mike McGreehan

Rocket Classic at Sequoyah

The 16th annual Rocket Golf Classic takes place Oct. 9 at Oakland's Sequoyah Country Club (4550 Healey Road). Tee time is 11 a.m. Cocktails and a silent action follow at 4 p.m. Dinner and a live auction begin at 7 p.m. This event is named for longtime Bishop O'Dowd High School teacher and golf coach Dick "Rocket" Roza. Proceeds will go toward classroom renovation, technology updates and teacher training at O'Dowd. Auction items include a vacation in Hualalai on Hawaii's "Big Island," golf for four at Spyglass Hill in Pebble Beach, and "Golf Around the Bay" for four at some of the Bay Area's most prestigious courses. To register, secure a sponsorship, make a donation or to reserve a spot at the dinner/live auction only, go to www.bishopodowd.org/golf2006/registration.htm.

— Mike McGreehan

On deck

Bishop O'Dowd,College Prep, St. Joseph Notre Dame, St. Mary's, and Albany at Stanford Invitational, cross country, Sept. 30, 9:45 a.m. — Local cross country teams travel to Palo Alto to compete in one of the biggest cross-country meets of the early season. College Prep's boys will compete in Division I and start at 9:46 a.m. with the girls starting at 10:10. Albany and St. Mary's will compete in Division IV with the boys starting at 10:40 and girls at 11:05. Bishop O'Dowd will field just a boys team, and it will start the Division III race at 11:34.

Pinole Valley vs. Berkeley at Contra Costa College, boys water polo, Oct. 5, 4 p.m. — This is a rematch of last year's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League tournament third-place match, which the Spartans won 12-11 in double overtime.

Holy Names vs. St. Joseph Notre Dame, girls volleyball, Alameda High School, Sept. 29, 5:15 p.m. — The Pilots look to knock off No. 1 as Holy Names currently leads the Bay Shore Athletic League standings. The Monarchs are 3-0 in BSAL play heading into this match. St. Joseph, a team in a rebuilding mode, is 1-2 in league play.

Berkeley vs. Piedmont, girls golf, Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m. at Lake Chabot in Oakland — The Highlanders will try to keep their unbeaten streak in the BSAL intact with a match against the visiting Yellow Jackets.

Albany at Piedmont, girls tennis, Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m. — As of Sept. 27 both the Cougars and Highlanders were undefeated in BSAL play. Piedmont hasn't lost a BSAL match since it joined the league

Stars of the week

Ronald James, Bishop O'Dowd football — James sparked the Dragons' attack with a 71-yard punt return for a touchdown. He also carried the ball five times for 53 yards in the Dragons' 33-23 win over Tennyson on Sept. 23.

Alexis Carpenter, Holy Names cross country — Carpenter turned in the Monarchs' best performance at the season-opening Bay Shore Athletic League meet against Albany and Berkeley on Sept. 21, finishing the 2.8 mile course at Tilden Park in Berkeley in 24:46. Carpenter's time was good enough for seventh overall.

Blaire Safir, Bishop O'Dowd girls volleyball — Safir led the Dragons with 20 assists and eight kills in a 25-16, 25-16, 25-22 victory over Moreau Catholic on Sept. 26. The win left the Dragons 3-0 in the HAAL heading into play on Thursday.

Miles Olsen, Albany football — Olsen scored touchdowns on both offense and defense for the Cougars, who defeated Richmond 32-28. Olsen returned an interception 97 yards for a score and also scored on a 62-yard reception. He had two interceptions in the game and caught two passes for 71 yards.

Chris Moncrease, El Cerrito football — Moncrease caught three passes for 99 yards, including touchdown receptions of 30 and 49 yards, in the Gauchos' 40-40 tie with Hogan-Vallejo.

Kenneth Adams, Berkeley football — Making his first start of the season, Adams completed nine of his 17 passes for 128 yards in the Yellow Jackets' 34-21 loss to Monte Vista

Miguel Castro, Alameda boys cross country — The senior harrier was fifth in his race at the Lowell Invitational in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park on Sept. 23. Castro's finishing time was 15 minutes, 45 seconds.

Sadie Zapata, Alameda girls cross country — Zapata, a senior, was 15th among runners on combined teams at the Lowell Invitational. Her time was 19:50. Zapata was 17th among all girls in her race.



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ANA JULATON, 26, is the fifth-ranked amateur female boxer in the nation. She will compete in the National PAL Championships starting Monday.

Julaton piling up titles

Alameda boxer, who trains in Berkeley, has won three titles this year and is looking for a fourth this week

By Steve Herendeen
MEDIANEWS

BERKELEY — When last we left Alameda's Ana Julaton, she'd just posted a rousing victory over Cynthia Talmadge in the women's 125-pound division of the 75th annual San Francisco Golden Gloves at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

It was the first title for the 5-foot-5 Julaton, a sensei at the West Wind Bok Wu dojo in Berkeley who goes by the nickname "The Hurricane."

"We're just starting now," she said back in March, savoring the championship after more than a few disappointing — and sometimes inexplicable — losses in previous tournaments. "I feel like I'm on the right track."

No truer words were ever spoken.

Julaton, whose good looks, dazzling smile, aggressive style and penchant for playing to the crowd have made her a popular fighter wherever she goes, has roared to two more titles since then. Should she win at the week-long National PAL Championships starting Monday in Oxnard, she could find herself ranked No. 1 in the United States less than three years after taking up the sport.

A win would also boost the possibility Julaton, a Filipino-American, could represent the Philippines in the Women's World Championships Nov. 19-25 in New Delhi, India. Third-ranked Ronica Jeffery of Brooklyn, N.Y. has already been named the U.S. representative.

"Her rise has been so fast," Julaton's manager Angelo Reyes said. "People think she's been boxing for six or seven years. She's on a roll."

Julaton will take a No. 5 national ranking (along with Magdalena Kearse of Atlanta, Ga.) into the PAL Championships. She had been ranked fourth, but somehow dropped a spot after posting a split decision over Katonya Fisher to win the California state championship, and taking last month's Diamond Belt title with a unanimous victory over Gloria Camacho of Southern California.

All of the fighters ranked ahead of her — Jennifer Hahn (El Paso, Texas), Katy Klinefelter (Iowa City, Iowa), Jeffery, Melissa Roberts (Manchester, Conn.) — and Kearse, are supposed to take part in next week's championships.

"I can't wait. I just need one shot," said Julaton before one of her daily 2- to 3-hour workouts. "The thought that I could be No. 1 is exciting."

Julaton is upbeat about where her career has gone in such a short time. On the other hand, she's also a little disappointed.

Not in herself, but in terms of the respect women's boxing is getting. For instance, barring an 11th-hour change of heart by the International Olympic Committee, women's boxing won't be part of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. That was a huge disappointment for a great many women boxers.

"I think we're behind schedule," complained Julaton, whose dream is to be e the first woman to win an Olympic gold medal in boxing. "It's time for the IOC to recognize women's boxing."

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Albany gets first victory of season

By Steve Herendeen
MEDIANEWS

In terms of the big picture, Friday's nonleague matchup between visiting Richmond High School and Albany didn't mean much.

But you couldn't tell by the way the teams played.

Albany built an 18-point lead in the second half behind big touchdown plays from Miles Olsen and Eric Roberson, plus a 26-yard field goal by Philip Peterson.

However, the Oilers scored two quick touchdowns and it took a clutch — and controversial — play at the goal line in the final seconds before the Cougars secured a 32-28 victory.

A 2-yard run by quarterback Carlos Ortiz, and his 9-yard scoring pass to wideout Ronnie Arnold, trimmed a 32-14 deficit and got Richmond (2-1) within four points with 1:47 to play.

Richmond's defense forced a punt, and a bad punt snap over Peterson's head gave the Oilers the ball at the Albany 26 with 44.8 seconds to play. On third-and-10, Ortiz drilled a pass to Lene Iosua near the goal line, but he was hit hard by a defensive back and fumbled.

Peterson picked the ball up in the end zone and ran it out to the 4, where Albany (1-2) took over and ran off the final seconds.

"I think we eased up a little late in the game," said Olsen, who also had two interceptions — one he ran back 97 yards for a score. Olsen also scored on a 62-yard reception on a pass from quarterback Daniel Singh that broke a 14-all tie in the third quarter.

"I kept telling everyone that the game wasn't over," he added. "It's true ... the game isn't over until the final whistle."



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

BERKELEY'S JAMAR SMITH breaks away for a big gain against Monte Vista. The Yellow Jackets fell to 0-3 with a 34-21 defeat.

Ortiz, like many Oiler players and fans, was upset with the way the game ended. Many thought Iosua's knee hit the goal line before he fumbled.

"The pass was there ... I thought we had it," said Ortiz, who threw for 183 yards and touchdowns to Jammell Harris and Arnold. Ortiz also rushed for a TD.

Monte Vista 34, Berkeley 21: What was supposed to be a matchup between one of the best wide receivers in the area in Ryan Whalen, and one of the best cornerbacks in Onu Onu, quickly turned into the Drew McAllister show.

McAllister completed 13 of 24 passes for 234 yards and two touchdowns and added 100 yards rushing on 11 carries Friday to help the visiting Mustangs roll to the nonleauge victory.

With 9:24 left in the opening half, McAllister put the Mustangs up 14-0 on a 74-yard bootleg down the left side. A minute and 10 seconds later, McAllister found Whalen for a 34-yard score to give Monte Vista a 21-0 lead.

"We practiced all week for this and put in a few different looks," McAllister said. "We came out a little flat but picked it up in the second half."

The Yellow Jackets (0-3) didn't help themselves, either.

Berkeley committed eight first-half penalties for 65 yards and had four turnovers in the first two quarters. Berkeley finished with 13 penalties for 120 yards.

"(The mistakes) killed us," said Jamar Smith, who had a 40-yard touch-

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Bertram is back in prep coaching

Golden Bears volleyball coach takes over at Berkeley

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

Golden Bears volleyball coach Brenda Bertram said the only job that would pull her back into the high-school ranks was the one at Berkeley.

Thanks to Kelly Leggoe and Charlotte and Emily Carver, Bertram was tugged back over the summer to Berkeley.

"I had coached at San Leandro for five years and taken two years off to finish graduate school," Bertram said. "I wasn't sure I wanted to get back into high school.

"I told my players (on the Golden Bears) the only job I would take was Berkeley, and they said 'Oh my gosh, it's open.' "

After a little begging and pleading from her trio of Golden Bear players, Bertram gave Berkeley athletic director Kristen Glenchur a call and later that day had an interview.

And it didn't take long for Bertram to become the Yellow Jackets third coach in as many years.

Bertram, who played at Cal State East Bay, inherits a program that has had talent but lacked coaching consistency.

That shouldn't be a problem with Bertram.

"One of it is the reputation of Berkeley being dominant volleyball program," said Bertram about taking the job. "I like the

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Football

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down run. "We could have won, but we had the little mistakes."

— Robert Jordan

El Cerrito 40, Hogan-Vallejo 40: Despite another fine offensive outing that included a 32-point second quarter, the host Gauchos (2-0-1) were unable to hold off a determined effort by the Spartans and settled for a tie.

It was the Vallejo school's first non-loss since early 2004, breaking a string of 18 defeats, and the players understandably acted as if they had won the Super Bowl.

The first of four second-quarter touchdowns came on an 8-yard carry by Eric McDaniel. Chris Moncrease increased the Gauchos' lead to 24-8 on a nifty 30-yard pass play from quarterback Don Miguel Tutass Another run by McDaniel, this time from seven yards out, gave the home team what seemed at the time a safe 32-8 lead.

But the visitors had other plans. Hogan (0-2-1) took the opening second half kickoff at their 22-yard line and ran the ball 19 times to the El Cerrito nine before scoring on the first play of the fourth period.

That score closed the gap to 40-32, and then the Spartans tied the game with 33 seconds left in the game on a 17-yard quarterback scramble.

Tutass was able to get the Gauchos across midfield, but time expired as Moncrease caught a ball at the Spartan 24 and ran out of bounds.

— Pete Elman, correspondent

Salesian 37, St. Mary's 28: The Panthers saw the best of Jahvid Best on Saturday.

In an offensive tour-de force, Salesian's brilliant tailback scored four touchdowns en route to amassing 412 total yards. Best rushed for 289 yards on 19 carries and caught two balls for 123 yards — both for touchdowns — from quarterback Josh Smith.

Despite Best's dymanic performance, St. Mary's (1-2) actually held the lead with 7:54 left in the game after quarterback Matt Lombardi completed a 12-yard strike to Lanny Kelly for a 28-21 lead.

Less than two minutes later, Best took a handoff 58 yards for the score, and Salesian regained the lead 29-28 with a two-point conversion pass from Smith to Paulo Ocampo.

Lombardi marched his team from his 20-yard line but was intercepted by Steven Edwards at the Chieftain 28. Two plays later, Best put the game away with a 64-yard scoring run.

— Pete Elman, correspondent

EAST BAY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SUPER POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	3-0	Avoids letdown in an otherwise ho-hum win over Palma-Salinas
2.	Monte Vista	3-0	Mustangs jump out to 31-7 lead before coasting to 34-21 defeat of Berkeley
3.	Pittsburg	2-1	Enjoys week of rest thanks to forfeit by Galileo-S.F.
4.	Foothill	3-0	Prepares to host No. 2 Monte Vista today in a whopper of an EBAL opener
5.	Hayward	3-0	Farmers brush Castro Valley aside with a 55-0 shutout
6.	San Ramon Valley	3-0	Ryan Vandersloot hauls in 12 passes (2 TD) to help Wolves beat Washington
7.	Amador Valley	3-0	Dons' passing game is nearly spotless in 48-13 rout of Irvington
8.	McClymonds	1-0-1	State bowl hopes take a serious hit after gritty Liberty team plays Warriors to a tie
9.	San Leandro	2-1	Bounces back from Hayward loss to trounce San Lorenzo 41-6
10.	Pinole Valley	3-0	Spartans have scored 128 points in three games

11. Deer Valley (3-0), **12.** California (2-1), **13.** Irvington (2-1), **14.** Alhambra (3-0), **15.** Freedom (3-0), **16.** Salesian (3-0), **17.** Las Lomas (2-1), **18.** Clayton Valley (3-0), **19.** Miramonte (2-1), **20.** Ygnacio Valley (2-1).

Others receiving votes: James Logan (2-1), Liberty (0-2-1), El Cerrito (2-0-1), Benicia (3-0). The East Bay Super Poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers and the Alameda Newspaper Group. Records are through Saturday.

THIS WEEKEND'S FOOTBALL GAMES

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■ **Richmond (2-1) at Berkeley (0-3), 5 p.m. today**

Last Week: Richmond lost to Albany 32-28, Berkeley lost to Monte Vista 34-21

Notes: The Oilers amassed 340 total yards and yielded only 132 in last week's loss. The Yellow Jackets entered the season with high expectations but have fared poorly against three undefeated opponents (Deer Valley, Foothill, Monte Vista).

■ **Alameda (2-1) at El Cerrito (2-0-1), 7 p.m. today**

Last Week: Alameda beat Livermore 7-0, El Cerrito tied Hogan-Vallejo 40-40.

Notes: The Hornets defense held Livermore to just 138 yards of total offense in last week's win. The Gauchos did not score in the second half against Hogan-Vallejo and ran only eight offensive plays after halftime.

Nonleague

■ **Albany (1-2) at King's Academy (3-0), 562 N Britton Ave, 1:30 p.m., Saturday**

Last Week: Albany beat [illegible] 32-28, King's Academy beat [illegible] Morgan Hill 36-14

Notes: Although the offense [illegible] for three touchdowns and [illegible] the Cougars need to improve [illegible] sively after producing only 132 [illegible] yards last week. The Kings [illegible] been on a roll, winning three [illegible] an average margin of 24 points.

■ **Berean Christian (2-1) at St. Mary's (1-2), noon, Saturday**

Last Week: Berean Christian [illegible] Burton-San Francisco 37-12, St. Mary's lost to Salesian 37-28

Notes: The Eagles used a ball [illegible] attack — from the run, the [illegible] special teams — to achieve [illegible] biggest margin of victory [illegible] last week. The Panthers kept [illegible] in the air, passing for 213 yards [illegible] their loss, while running back [illegible] Allen was held to 59 yards on [illegible] ries.

Julaton

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Reyes agrees, saying the amateur ranks are loaded right now, but probably won't be by the 2012 Games in London, England. "If (women's boxing) doesn't happen in the Olympics in 2008, you're going to lose a whole crop of good women boxers because they'll turn pro," he predicted.

Julaton insists she won't be one of them. She's chasing that Olympic dream and determined to promote the sport for women. Money isn't part of the picture, even though she could make a chunk of it by going pro.

"It's the cause, not the money," she said. "I have the opportunity to put women in a better place."

Julaton understands some of the opposition to women's boxing. KRON 4 sportscaster Gary Radnich, for example, has had Julaton on his show twice and asked both times why such a pretty girl would want to get hit in the face. He's not the only one asking that question.

"When you see the gloves make contact with a face and there's a bloody nose, I can see why some people might shy away," Julaton admitted. "When you have an icon like Radnich saying things like that, it shows there are a lot of heads to be turned.

"If I was No. 1, I think it would be a big stepping stone. It would give me a lot more weight. People would say, 'look at that woman. She's good. That's why we need women's boxing in the Olympics.' "

Berkeley

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school, and it's a lot closer to where I live. I live in Oakland."

Part of it was locale, but part of it was Bertram's desire to get back into the coaching.

"After school I would go home and was bored," Bertram said. "At first I was like 'I don't have anything to do.' I didn't know that the Berkeley was available last year. Even if I had known I don't know if I would have done it. I was living in Union City."

Bertram also has plenty to work with with both Carver sisters returning as well as Leggoe and Catie Cuan.

The adjustment period is going well with the Yellow Jackets off to a 6-6 start, including a 1-0 start in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.



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"ALL THE KING'S MEN": Director Steve Zaillian tries to do too much in this time in this new adaptation of Robert Penn Warren's weighty novel about political and personal corruption; it ends up being a digest of the book's high and low moments. But there is still much to recommend here, from Sean Penn's goose bumps-inducing portrayal of upstart politician Willie Stark to Jude Law's Jack Burden, a journalist whose idealism is at first at war with his cynicism. — M. Pols. (PG-13: an intense sequence of violence, sexual content and partial nudity.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. **B**

"DECEPTION": If you're into snap judgments, you can write off "Deception" as just another dotfish, colorless comedy. But there's a quality to the film, a snap to the one-liners, a flair to the directing and editing and a late turn by Justin Long. And that makes it, well, not terrible. The clue to why this might be is in the credits for director Steve Pink's screenwriting credits include "High Fidelity" and "Grosse Point Blank." — R. Moore. (R-13: language, sexual material and drug content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **C+**

"ANT BULLY": Despite star wattage (Julia Roberts, Meryl Streep), "Ant Bully" sheds no new light. It calls to mind other animated films ("Over the Hedge," "Monster House"). But the story means well, and has a worthwhile message about teamwork. — G. Lemire. (PG: mild rude humor, action.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **C**

"BARNYARD": Farm animals come to life, change the barn into a street and sing and dance the night away when humans aren't around. Cows are likely to have issues with the film. For example, writer/director Steve Oedekerk apparently thinks cows come in both genders. But "Barnyard" is focused on milking laughs from the peewee set. — J. Schaller. (PG: mild peril and rude humor.) 1 hour, 23 minutes. **C**

"BEERFEST": The members of the Broken Lizard comedy troupe deliver their raunchy farce. The basic premise in support of "Fight Club" that regulates boxing competitions with beer-drinking contests. Most of the jokes fall straight out of the gutter, but the results are often quite smart. — J. Schaller. (R: crude humor, sexual content, profanity, nudity and alcohol abuse.) **C+**

"THE BLACK DAHLIA": Between director Brian De Palma's sense of style and tension and crime writer James Ellroy's rat-a-tat words, this 1940s murder mystery should be a fine contemporary film noir. But it's far too contrived, a harking back to the past that feels stagey and contrived. Josh Hartnett is the good but boring cop, Aaron Eckhart is his more sullen partner, who storms about like an angry teen. Scarlett Johannson and Hilary Swank are the love interests. Mia Kirshner, playing the dead girl character in flashbacks, seems to have the mood right. — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, some grisly images, sexual content and language.) 2 hours, 1 minute. **C+**

"BOYNTON BEACH CLUB": Frisky fun at something residents of a Florida retirement adult" community are determined to find love. Sally Kellerman, platinum blond, flashing her crocodile smile, and Dyan Cannon, maniacally perky and jiggling her curves, are certainly not the Golden Girls. "Boynton Beach" is a rose-colored fantasy of aging. You can relax and enjoy the effervescent comic performances by the ensemble that includes Joseph Bologna, Michael Nouri and Renee Taylor. — S. Holden. (NR: sexual situations, language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes.

"CONFETTI": Anyone who has cringed while watching the home movies of newlyweds bumbling through their own corny, personalized rituals will appreciate the comic potential of this British mock documentary. The title is the name of the couple's fictional bridal magazine, whose editors dream up a contest in which three exhibitionist couples compete to win an award for most original wedding concept. "Confetti" is obviously inspired by Christopher Guest's "Best in Show," but this is a pallid imitation. — S. Holden. (R: nudity.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **C**

"THE COVENANT": The film follows the empowered descendants of four families that have had extraordinary powers since they arrived in Massachusetts in the late 1600s, but it turns out there was a fifth family cut from the same cloth for being too power hungry. The film feels more like the pilot for a kick-friendly prime-time drama on the old WB, but it's not nearly as cool as "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." — C. Lemire. (PG-13: sexual content.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **D**

"CRANK": There's no heart and no redemption in this nervous wreck of a thriller about a man who's given a drug that will kill him if he stops moving. Starring Jason Statham, Amy Smart, and Dwight Yoakam. — R. Moore. (R: strong violence, pervasive language, sexuality, nudity and drug use.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. **C**

"CROSSOVER": Despite a brilliant opening move — Wayne Brady as villain — this story about the world of underground basketball competition is heavy on ghetto cliches and light on plot points. Basketball, women in skimpy clothes, some trash talk, some good basketball, you get the idea. — G. Lemire. (PG-13: sexual content and some language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **D**

"THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA": A smart new assistant (Anne Hathaway) with unfortunate fashion sense gets dressed down royally by her wicked new boss (Meryl Streep). This charming bit of froth works primarily because of Streep. There's not a seam showing in her flawless performance. — R. Myers. (PG: some sensuality.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. **B**

"EDMOND": This movie is taken from a David Mamet play from the early '80s and requires William H. Macy, as the increasingly appalled title character, to say some unprintable things about women and blacks, to bemoan the state of the world, and to commit a grisly murder or two. "Edmond" is a work of outrage that's not outrageous. Its racism and misogyny seem square and almost quaint. — W. Morris. (R: violence, strong language, and sexual content including nudity and dialogue.) 1 hour, 15 minutes. **B-**

"EVERYONE'S HERO": A scrawny, insecure boy, growing up in the shadow of Yankee Stadium during the Depression worshipping Babe Ruth, learns self-esteem when he goes on an adventure with a talking baseball and the Bambino's beloved bat. The film is exceedingly earnest with a simple, feel-good message of perseverance, but it's probably suited for the littlest kids only. — C. Lemire. (G) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **C**

"FACTOTUM": Matt Dillon plays Charles Bukowski alter-ego Hank Chinaski, an unpublished writer who spends his days drifting from one blue-collar job to another, and most of his nights in a drunken, smoky haze. His female companions include Marisa Tomei as a complete lush and Lili Taylor as Jan, who truly cares about Hank, almost as much as she does about her next bottle of whiskey. If the plot is slight, Dillon's marvelous, subtle performance is anything but, and reason enough to see director Bent Hamer's film. — M. Pols. (R: language, nudity and sexual content.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **B+**

"FLYBOYS": A bunch of sweet Americans volunteer early on in World War I and end up as part of the Lafayette Escadrille, an elite French flying force. James Franco is a cowboy turned aviator, and he has some nice scenes, mostly involving a blossoming romance with a French girl. This is all based on truth, and it's good material for a movie (others have been made) but "Flyboys" is schlock, a predictable blend of comedy and action that makes war seem like the kind of place you go to become a man and even have some fun. — M. Pols. (PG-13: war action violence and some sexual content.) 2 hours, 19 minutes. **C**

"GRIDIRON GANG": Phil Joanou's film is one of those based-on-a-true-story movies that seems to demand reverence. But whatever points "Gridiron Gang" earns for dedication, it loses in execution. Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson stars as Sean Porter, the counselor at a tough teen detention center, who decides to organize a football team to teach the kids skills as well as teamwork, camaraderie and confidence. It's clear that Joanou and Johnson would like their film to influence and inspire a generation of lost youth; it's too bad they weren't clever enough to combine the reality and the fantasy to achieve something startling and stimulating. — J. Anderson. (PG-13: startling scenes of violence, mature thematic material and language.) 2 hours. **B-**

"THE GROUND TRUTH": Directed by Patricia Foulkrod but really written by the men and women whose tours of duty it describes, this short, sharp documentary is not about George Bush or left/right politics or Sept. 11. It's not even about Iraq. It's about the U.S. soldiers who are fighting that war: why they went, what they saw, how they feel when they come back. "The Ground Truth" is the documentary any American with an opinion on our involvement in Iraq owes it to his or her conscience to see. — T. Burr. (R: disturbing violent content, language.) **A-**

"HALF NELSON": Ryan Gosling is a teacher in a run down Brooklyn middle school. He knows how to inspire his students, but his own life is a disaster; he sneaks into a school bathroom to smoke crack. When one of his students (Shareeka Epps, watchful, wary and very good) catches him, a strange but real friendship springs up between them. In the end, we're not sure who is nurturing whom. Gosling gives such a naturalistic performance you find yourself still worrying about his character after the movie ends. — M. Pols. (R: drug content throughout, language and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. **A-**

"HAVEN": A movie with such a bungled narrative thread you assume the projectionist switched reels. Set in the Cayman Islands, Frank E. Flowers' film attempts to interweave multiple narrative threads involving a corrupt American businessman (Bill Paxton), his sulky daughter (Agnes Bruckner) and the doings of various Cayman natives, including a fisherman (Orlando Bloom) and his Romeo and Juliet-style romance with a high school student (Zoe Saldana). There are plenty of interesting possibilities there, and some intriguing performances, but as a whole, this never jells. — M. Pols. (R: language, drug use, sexual content and some violence.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. **C-**

"HEADING SOUTH": In French filmmaker Laurent Cantet's riveting new film about politics, both sexual and economic, single middle-aged women head to Haiti to find the young male companionship that's scarce at home. Prostitution yes, but Cantet persuades us that there is something in it for the men as well; selling themselves is the closest they'll come to having any power in their country, a place that disregards them completely. Charlotte Rampling and Karen Young shine as women grappling with their emotional and physical needs and Menothy Cesar is marvelous as the object of both their desires. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **A**

"HOLLYWOODLAND": A fictionalized recounting of the death of TV's first Superman, George Reeves (Ben Affleck), said to be a suicide, but rich with the tantalizing loose ends conspiracy theories are woven from. Was it failure that felled him, or the older woman he'd jilted (Diane Lane)? When the focus is on Affleck's poignant portrayal of Reeves, all is well, but when we veer over to the Hollywood fiction, a parallel story of the detective (Adrien Brody) investigating his death, the movie feels contrived. — M. Pols. (R: language, some violence and sexual content.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. **B-**

"HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS": This could be the ultimate 11-year-old boy's movie, a little cruel, a little gross and a lot funny. The film is based on Thomas Rockwell's book about a boy who is dared to eat worms — and does. — R. Moore. (PG: mild bullying and some crude humor.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **B-**

"IDLEWILD": From the superstars behind the hip-hop group OutKast, a musical set in the 1930s in a Georgian speakeasy. Like "Moulin Rouge," it doesn't bother to stick to the music of the story's time frame, so we get rap and crooning mixed in together. That makes for a playful and vibrant film, and even when "Idlewild" stumbles, as it does fairly frequently, this is still an enjoyable spectacle. Andre Benjamin shines as a shy piano player, and the supporting cast includes such notable performers as Ben Vereen, Cicely Tyson, Macy Gray and Terrence Howard. — M. Pols. (R: violence, sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B-**

"AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH": Al Gore's PowerPoint presentation on global warming sounds like it might be a snoozer, but it's actually a frightening wake-up call. Too bad the documentary focuses only on Gore, rarely opening the issue up for others to voice their support. — R. Myers. (PG: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **B**

"INVINCIBLE": This feel-good film recounts the saga of Vince Papale (Mark Wahlberg), a laid-off teacher who tries out for the Philadelphia Eagles and ends up making the team. Football junkies looking for a lot of game action won't find it here. The film is more interested in exploring the emotional issues of the players. The movie ultimately fulfills its mission: to fire up viewers with its can-do attitude. — J. Strickler. (PG: football-related action and a sprinkling of profanity.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B**

"THE ILLUSIONIST": Edward Norton plays a master magician in turn-of-the-century Vienna, and he's so good you almost believe he can make an orange tree grow from a seed in less than a minute. Jessica Biel is the noblewoman he loves, Rufus Sewell his arch nemesis, and Paul Giamatti is a detective but, more important, the only other actor on screen who can hold his own against Norton the Magnificent. To-

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OPENING TODAY

The following are movies opening this week in the Bay Area.

"AURORA BOREALIS" (R): Joshua Jackson ("Dawson's Creek") stars as an aimless twentysomething whose relationships with a health care worker (Juliette Lewis) and his ailing grandfather (Donald Sutherland) force him to grow up.

"THE GUARDIAN" (PG-13): Kevin Costner is a legendary Coast Guard rescue swimmer who takes a cocky young recruit (Ashton Kutcher) under his wing.

"JESUS CAMP" (NR): Christian children, some as young as 6, attend a summer camp in North Dakota that is designed to help them become leaders in "God's army" in this documentary.

"KEEPING MUM" (R): An absent-minded vicar (Rowan Atkinson) hires a new housekeeper (Maggie Smith), who sets about cleaning up both the house and the vicar's screwed-up family life. With Patrick Swayze and Kristin Scott Thomas.

"MUTUAL APPRECIATION" (NR): In this indie film, a musician heads to New York to look for a new drummer after his band breaks up. He finds a champion of his talents as well as a new love interest, who happens to be dating his closest friend.

"OPEN SEASON" (PG): A deer and a grizzly bear team up in the forest to try to survive hunting season in this animated family movie. With voice work by Ashton Kutcher, Martin Lawrence and Debra Messing.

"PAPER DOLLS" (NR): This documentary takes a look at a group of unusual Israeli emigrants, young Filipinos in various stages of gender transition. The film shows them at work, often serving as aides to the elderly; and at play, performing as a drag queen ensemble.

"RENAISSANCE" (R): In 2054, Paris is a city completely controlled by Avalon, a company that specializes in eternal youth and beauty. When one of Avalon's scientists goes missing, a Paris cop (Daniel Craig) must find her. Black-and-white animation using live-action motion capture.

"SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS" (PG-13): A traffic cop (Jon Heder) enrolls in a Learning Annex class for nerds who want to learn to be cool. His teacher is played by Billy Bob Thornton. Another comedy from the director of "Old School."

"THE U.S. vs. JOHN LENNON" (PG-13): A documentary about John Lennon's activism during the Vietnam War and the U.S. government's attempts to silence him. Includes interviews with Walter Cronkite, Ron Kovic and George McGovern.

Coming soon

"AL FRANKEN: GOD SPOKE" (NR): This film documents two years in the life of former "Saturday Night Live" comedian and best-selling author Al Franken as he takes on Bill O'Reilly and the right wing. (Oct. 6)

"THE DEPARTED" (R): Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon and Jack Nicholson star in Martin Scorsese's new film about a rookie cop (DiCaprio) who infiltrates the mob to bring the crime boss (Nicholson) down. (Oct. 6)

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•Invincible (PG) 1:15, 3:45, 6:20, 8:50
•The Last Kiss (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 8, 10:35
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
•Open Season (PG) 11:40, 12:30, 2, 3, 4:20, 5:25, 6:30, 7:40, 8:45, 9:40, 10:45
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 12, 1, 2:20, 3:25, 4:50, 6:10, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50, 11
•Snakes on a Plane (R) 11:50, 2:10, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45
•Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) 11:55, 2:30, 5, 7:45, 10:30
•World Trade Center (PG-13) 12:20, 3:10, 6:35, 9:30

California Theatre
2113 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 1:15, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8, 9:20
•The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13) 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:20, 9:40

Chabot Cinema
2853 Castro Valley Blvd , Castro Valley 510-582-2555
•Open Season (PG) 11, 1, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20, 9:45

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland 510-336-7300
•Forces of Nature (Not Rated) 8:15
•The Living Sea (Not Rated) 7

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave , Berkeley 510-649-0530
•Factotum (R) 4:55, 9:25
•Haven (R) 7
•Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man (PG-13) 7:05
•Snakes on a Plane (R) 4:30, 9:20.
•Superman Returns (PG-13) 6:30
•This Film Is Not Yet Rated (Not Rated) 5, 9:15

Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre
3200 Grand Avenue Oakland 510-452-3556
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 12:45, 3:30, 6:45, 9:20
•The Guardian (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 9:45
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:55
•Open Season (PG) 12:10, 2, 4, 6, 7:45, 9:30

Oaks Theatre
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
•The Black Dahlia (R) 2:15, 7:45
•The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) 5:15.
•Keeping Mum (R) 2, 4:45, 7:30

Parkway Speakeasy Theater
1834 Park Blvd , Oakland 510-814-2400
•Half Nelson (R) 7
•Quinceanera (R) 6:30
•Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) 9:45
•This Film Is Not Yet Rated (Not Rated) 9:15

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave. Oakland 510-464-5980
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15
•The Science of Sleep (R) 11:45, 1:15, 2, 4, 4:45, 6:45, 7:15, 9, 9:30

Regal Jack London
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
•The Black Dahlia (R) 1:10, 4, 7:30, 10:30
•Flyboys (PG-13) 12:40, 3:40, 6:50, 9:50
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 10
•The Guardian (PG-13) 12:10, 3:30, 7, 10:15
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:45, 10:20
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:40, 10
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
•Open Season (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:20, 9:40
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 12:30, 3:10, 5:30, 8, 10:30

Shattuck Cinemas
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 1:55, 4:55, 8
•An Inconvenient Truth (PG) 4:25
•Flyboys (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 8:10
•Half Nelson (R) 2, 6:55, 9:35
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 1:50, 4:10, 5:05, 7:30, 9:40.
•Jesus Camp (PG-13) 2:30, 4:40, 7:30, 9:40.
•The Last Kiss (R) 2:10, 4:35, 7, 9:30.
•Mutual Appreciation (Not Rated) 2:05, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55
•Quinceanera (R) 2:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:05
•Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG) 12
•Renaissance (R) 2:15, 4:55, 7:15, 9:50.
•Sherrybaby (Not Rated) 2:40, 7:20, 9:40.

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-486-1852
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 1:10, 4, 6:45, 9:30.
•The Guardian (PG-13) 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30.
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7, 8, 9:15, 10:15
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20
•Open Season (PG) 11, 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10.
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 12, 2:20, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40, 11:30.

United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10
5330 Christie Ave, Emeryville 510-420-0107
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 12, 4, 7:15, 10:15.
•The Covenant (PG-13) 11:45, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:40.
•Flyboys (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10.
•Idlewild (R) 12:50, 3:45, 7:20, 10:05
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 12, 1, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8, 9:45, 10:30
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 12:10, 1:15, 2:40, 4:15, 5:10, 7, 7:45, 9:30, 10:25
•The Science of Sleep (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20.

Central Contra Costa

CineArts at Pleasant Hill
2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill 925-687-1100
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:50.
•Jesus Camp (PG-13) 11:30, 2:20, 4:30, 7:35, 9:55.
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40.
•The Science of Sleep (R) 11:20, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15.
•The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13) 11:40, 2, 4:20, 7:25, 9:45.

Contra Costa Stadium Cinemas
555 Center Avenue Martinez 925-228-9960
•All the King's Men 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:30
•Flyboys (PG-13) 12:50, 3:50, 7, 9:40
•The Guardian (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:40
•The Illusionist 12:30, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 12:45, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 12:35, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15
•Open Season (PG) 12:40, 2:45, 5, 7:05, 9
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 12:55, 3, 5:10, 7:30, 9:35

Renaissance Orinda Theatre
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:15
•The Guardian (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:45
•Illusionist (PG-13) 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

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350 Park St, Moraga 925-988-3411
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West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:50
•Barnyard The Original Party Animals (PG) 12:45, 3:05, 5:20.
•The Black Dahlia (R) 11:25, 2, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20
•Crank (R) 7:30, 9:35
•Everyone's Hero (G) 11:20, 1:25, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45
•Flyboys (PG-13) 12:55, 4, 7:05, 10:05
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 1:10, 4:05, 7:10, 9:55
•The Guardian (PG-13) 12, 1:35, 2:55, 4:30, 5:50, 7:25, 8:45, 10:20
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45.
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 12:05, 1:15, 2:25, 3:30, 4:40, 5:45, 6:55, 8, 9:10, 10:15
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 11:35, 1:55, 4:25, 7, 9:25, 10
•Open Season (PG) 11:30, 12:10, 12:50, 1:40, 2:20, 3, 3:50, 4:35, 5:10, 6, 6:45, 7:20, 8:15, 8:55, 9:40, 10:25
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco 415-922-4262
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 8:05, 11
•Black Dahlia (R) 11:40, 2:25, 5:15, 7:55, 10:45
•Flyboys (PG-13) 1, 4:10, 7:25, 10:30
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 11:15, 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
•The Guardian (PG-13) 10:45, 12:30, 1:45, 3:50, 4:50, 7, 8, 10:10, 11:10
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 11:35, 12:35, 2, 3, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05
•The Last Kiss (R) 11:25, 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 11:50, 2:15, 5, 7:40, 10:15
•Open Season (PG) 10:40, 10:40, 12:15, 12:50, 12:50, 2:30, 3:10, 3:10, 4:45, 5:20, 5:20, 7:05, 7:50, 7:50, 9:20, 10, 10
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 11, 1:50, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20

Kabuki Cinema
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 11, 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
•Black Dahlia (R) 11:10, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 10:05
•Flyboys (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:35
•The Guardian (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 10
•Illusionist (PG-13) 11:35, 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50
•The Last Kiss (R) 11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55
•Open Season (PG) 12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 11, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:45

Bridge Theatre
3010 Gean, Blvd. San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Aurora Borealis (R) 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:45

Castro Theatre
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
•Paper Dolls (Not Rated) 7, 9

Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Cremaster 3 (Not Rated) 12
•Red Doors (R) 12:25, 2:30, 4:35, 7, 9:10

Embarcadero Center Cinemas
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Half Nelson (R) 1:15, 4, 7, 9:40
•Jesus Camp (PG-13) 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
•The Science of Sleep (R) 12, 1, 2:30, 3:30, 5, 6, 7:30, 8:30, 10
•Sherrybaby (NR) 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30.

Lumiere Theatre
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
•I Trust You to Kill Me (R) 2:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:25
•Quinceanera (R) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45
•Renaissance (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:35.

Opera Plaza Cinema
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893
•An Inconvenient Truth (PG) 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
•La Moustache (NR) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:40
•Queens (R) 1:30, 4, 6:45, 9:10
•This Film Is Not Yet Rated (NR) 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:20

Red Vic Movie House
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
•Mutual Appreciation (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:30.

Roxie Film Center
3117 16th St Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
•Fratricide (Not Rated) 7, 9.
•loudQUIETloud: A Film About Pixies (Not Rated) 6:15, 8, 9:40.

AMC Loews Metreon 15
101 Fourth St. San Francisco 415-369-6201
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 10:50, 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50, 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50.
•The Black Dahlia (R) 11:05, 2, 5, 8, 11:05.
•Covenant (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:35, 8:30, 11:30.
•Crank (R) 11, 4:20, 10:10.
•Everyone's Hero (G) 11:20, 1:55, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10, 11:40.
•Evil Aliens (Not Rated) 12.
•Flyboys (PG-13) 11:15, 2:40, 5:55, 9:25.
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 11:10, 2:10, 5:10, 8:10, 11:10.
•Hollywoodland (R) 1:10, 7:05.
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 10:45, 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 10
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 10:35, 11:35, 1:05, 2:05, 3:30, 4:45, 5:50, 7:10, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45.
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 10:40, 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:10.
•The Last Kiss (R) 11:40, 2:15, 5:15, 8:05, 11.
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 10:55, 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, 10:15.
•Open Season 10:30, 12:45, 3, 5:30, 7:45, 10:20.
•Open Season: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:20.
•The Protector (R) 11:25, 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:15, 11:45.
•Superman Returns: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 11:15.

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gether, they elevate the material, which is good but not great. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. **B**

"JACKASS NUMBER TWO": The fellows (Johnny Knoxville, Steve-O, etc.) from "Jackass" are back with another freak show/proctological exam and would-be snuff film, designed to bring out the inner Stooge in all of us. It's all about bad taste and shocks and the extremes people will go to become famous. The film is grosser, more dangerous, more bloody and even less concerned with the things that make a "movie" than the original. — R. Moore. (R: extremely crude and dangerous stunts throughout, sexual content, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **D**

"JET LI'S FEARLESS": Jet Li plays Huo Yuanji, the most famous fighter in China in the early 1900s and a rallying point for a country floundering under foreign domination. Director Ronny Yu shapes the saga into a mythic coming-of-age tale wrapped in the trappings of an action movie. Although this story's theme of an arrogant fighter transformed by tragedy has driven pictures since the silents, Li's impassioned performance makes it captivating and poignant. — B. Caine. (PG-13: violence and martial arts action throughout.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **B+**

"LA MOUSTACHE": Middle-aged Marc has sported a mustache his entire adult life. Feeling mischievous, he shaves it off. He can't wait to show his wife, Agnes, who said earlier that she wouldn't know Marc without his facial hair. It turns out, Agnes doesn't even notice that Marc shaved. Is she messing with his mind? The movie's central mystery becomes increasingly ambiguous, but this much director Emmanuel Carrere makes clear — a husband and wife, no matter how much they love each other, are individuals, inhabiting separate bodies, separate worlds. — G. Whipp. (NR: sexual situations, language.) 1 hour, 22 minutes. **B**

"THE LAST KISS": Zach Braff is Michael, almost 30 and torn between a comely college student (Rachel Bilson), his drippy longtime girlfriend Jacinda Barrett — who is carrying his child — and his most cherished love of all, himself. We're encouraged to root just as hard for infidelity as for forgiveness, and the rapid switching of gears doesn't feel genuine or earned but rather motivated by who looks cutest at that moment. A remake of the Italian hit "L'Ultimo Bacio," a meaner and far more honest film. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **C+**

"LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE": An alienated family — deluded and egotistical father, frustrated mother, suicidal uncle, anarchist son and drug abusing grandfather — come together during a two-day road trip to a beauty pageant for little girls. A top-notch ensemble cast is led by Greg Kinnear and Steve Carell. — M. Pols. (R: some language, sex and drug content.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **A-**

"MATERIAL GIRLS": Martha Coolidge's film is a superficial 'tween comedy that mocks celebutantes such as the Olsen twins while simultaneously pushing stars Hilary and Haylie Duff as their replacements. The Duff sisters play wealthy, spoiled siblings who have to clear the family name when their father's cosmetics company fails under a cloud of suspicion. Coolidge made a better movie on similar subject matter with her 1983 film "Valley Girl." — E. Weitzman. (PG: language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **D**

"MONSTER HOUSE": This animated feature — about a dilapidated neighborhood house that supposedly eats people — manages the right balance of kiddie, sophomoric and grown-up humor. Voiced by Maggie Gyllenhaal and Jason Lee. — P. Wuntch. (PG: intense moments, mild sexual references.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B**

"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST": Dazzling digital effects upstage nearly everyone except the wonderful Johnny Depp in this too-long yet irresistible sequel. The tangled plot cranks out a few clever surprises and leaves us with an "Empire Strikes Back" cliffhanger of an ending. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense sequences of adventure violence, including frightening images.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. **B**

"THE PROTECTOR": Tony Jaa plays a Thai martial arts fighter who trains elephants for the king, in keeping with an ancient tradition. When they are inexplicably stolen (for some perversion of power or, perhaps, cuisine) he must travel to Australia and fight many, many foes to find them. To ask for a plot in a martial arts movie is like suggesting porn might benefit from a little more pillow talk; by doing so, you unveil yourself as someone who just doesn't get it. Nonetheless, how about a little plot, along with less frantic editing and a decent cinematographer? Then the movie might have some hope of matching Jaa's grace. — M. Pols. (R: pervasive strong violence throughout and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **D**

"QUINCEANERA": This portrait of a Mexican-American family in Los Angeles is as smart and warm-hearted an exploration of upwardly mobile immigrant culture as American independent cinema has produced. A family is rocked when 14-year-old Magdalena (Emily Rios), who dreams of an extravagant quinceanera, gets pregnant and her father throws her out of the house. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations, some strong language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B+**

"RED DOORS": The oceanic divide between generations in a Chinese-American family is epitomized in the relationships of it glums paterfamilias, Ed Wong — who has plunged into a suicidal funk — and Katie, the youngest of his three daughters. Every time Ed begins to act on his self-destructive urges, Katie barges in, barely noticing his distress. This agreeable, lightweight movie turns the malaises of a suburban family into bittersweet farce, but ultimately loses its nerve and wraps up the interlocking family crises in a cozy blanket of reassurance. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B-**

"RIDING ALONE FOR THOUSANDS OF MILES": In Zhang Yimou's moving new film, the director gives us a modern day Don Quixote, a Japanese man (Ken Takakura) who sets out on a long and seemingly ill-conceived journey through China hoping to right whatever wrong has caused a decade-long rift with his son. As a study of culture clashes, perhaps this unfolds too easily, but as a story of the complications of father-son love, it touches us. — M. Pols. (PG: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **B**

"A SCANNER DARKLY": Director Richard Linklater transforms Philip K. Dick's 1955 novel into a sad and darkly humorous film that marries live photography with animation, much like the filmmaker's "Waking Life." Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey Jr., Winona Ryder and Rory Cochrane (who is exceptional) star. — R. Myers. (R: drug and sexual content, language and a brief violent image.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B-**

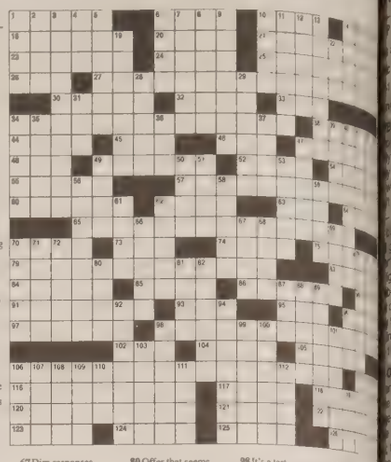
"THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP": An aggravating, semi-biographical film from writer/director Michel Gondry. A young man (Gael Garcia Bernal) returns to his childhood home in Paris, takes a lousy job at a calendar company and develops crushes on a couple of girls, including the one (Charlotte Gainsbourg) who lives in the apartment across the hall from him. But mostly, he dreams, and while some of the surreal touches from his dreams are fun to look at, ultimately the movie lacks an emotional entry point. — M. Pols. (R: language, some sexual content and nudity.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **C-**

"SCOOP": Woody Allen enjoyed working with Scarlett Johansson ("Match Point") so much, he wrote a new movie for her. Like "Match Point," this film is set in London, revolves around murder, but [illegible] where the similarities end. "Sco[illegible]

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a feather and playful in early Allen style. — M. 13, some sexual content.) 1 minutes. **A-**

BABY": In Laurie Collyer's an addict named Sherry Gyllenhaal), fresh out of jail, clean and begin a real re- with her child. The story it- 't leave us anyplace particu- — will she or won't she fall — but the infinitely watchable gives such a nuanced, vul- performance that she se- right onto the roller coaster about Sherry, even though could be a losing proposi- this is the mark of an ac- limitless possibilities. — M. 1 hour, 36 minutes. **B+**

ON A PLANE": You expect and nothing but. And the the story the better. That's ers who turned the into a cult phenomenon that and more vicious- 12-letter epithetic ex- of dismay. What they get is Springer Show" in the sky . Within the confines of its universe, the story (snakes on plane that is carrying witnessed a mob mur- just enough sense to sat- for whom that sort of . Most "Snakes" affi- will only care about the rush and, that, the film de- Caine. (R: language, a ality and drug use, and ences of terror and vio- , 45 minutes. **C**

AN RETURNS": It's big, best of all, introspective. the new "Superman," di- reverence and refreshing Bryan Singer (the first two ies). Newcomer Brandon the cape well, but every- ast is dynamite. — R. My- some intense action vio- . 20 minutes. **A-**

GA NIGHTS: THE BAL- CKY BOBBY": Like ing, "Ricky Bobby" has oments. But mostly it — the film never really . Will Ferrell re-teams storman: The Legend of y" director for this take driver whose success is by a rival driver who the scene. — C. Lemire. ence and sexual humor, lan-

guage, drug references and brief comic violence.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. **C+**

"THIS FILM IS NOT YET RATED": Kirby Dick embarked on a righteous quest: to identify and expose the eight or nine anonymous panelists who decide whether movies get a G, PG, PG-13, R or the dreaded NC-17 rating. Dick's film is a sometimes revealing, sometimes tedious guerrilla assault on the Motion Picture Association of America's secretive ratings policies, but the film is simply not as provocative, infuriating or incisive as he had hoped. — C. Outhier. (NR: Rating surrendered: previously rated NC-17 for some graphic sexual content.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **C+**

"THREE DOLLARS": In this Australian film, 38-year-old Eddie Harnovey (David Wenham) has reached a turning point in his job: His ideals and a steady paycheck are in direct opposition. Eddie works as a chemical engineer who's pressured to sign off on his latest job even though he has found traces of deadly toxins. In the middle of everything, Eddie also has a supernatural connection with Amanda, the developer's daughter. This complex web of events, ideas and emotions play out quite nicely for a while. — J. Anderson. (R) 1 hour, 59 minutes. **B**

"TRUST THE MAN": Writer/director Bart Freundlich takes us on a tour of attractive Manhattan locations with two equally appealing couples, both facing trouble in their relationships. Julianne Moore is an actress, David Duchovny is her bored stay-at-horne husband. Billy Crudup is a sports-writer suffering from a serious case of Peter Pan-itis, Maggie Gyllenhaal is the nice girlfriend desperate to have a baby. Smart and touching, but too ambitious for the time frame. Would have made a good must-see HBO series. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexual content.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **B-**

"WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR?": Chris Paine's trenchant documentary focuses on General Motors' EV1. Launched in 1996, the electric car was so efficient, dealers kept a waiting list with tens of thousands of names. But then GM recalled all the EV1s. Paine's movie manages to entertain and infuriate as he investigates the reasons why a U.S. automaker would invest in a product only to sabotage it at every turn. — G. Whipp. (PG: brief mild language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **B+**

"THE WICKER MAN": Neil LaBute directs the remake of the 1973 British classic thriller set this time on an island in the Puget Sound. It's got a strong cast of actors (Nicolas Cage, Frances Conroy, Ellen Burstyn), but the writing makes it a rather confusing mess. Still, it may well be the greatest bad film of the year. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: disturbing images and violence, language and thematic issues.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **C+**

"WORDPLAY": The crossword geniuses in this well-crafted documentary include such celebrity solvers as Jon Stewart and Bill Clinton, as well as the less-famous participants in the annual crossword championship. Watching people work puzzles doesn't sound like fun, but it is, particularly in the beat-the-clock solve-off that whittles three finalists down to a champ. — C. Hewitt. (PG: profanity, mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B+**

"WORLD TRADE CENTER": Despite the epic-sounding title, the focus of Oliver Stone's film is small, centering on the stories of two Port Authority cops (Nicolas Cage and Michael Pena) who were trapped under the collapsed towers and their spouses (Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal, respectively). If you want to know what it was like inside those buildings, this is for you. The film is emotional, but that comes with the territory, and the story suffers from a lack of dramatic tension — we know these guys will get out — as well as some cheeseball touches from Stone. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense and emotional content, some disturbing images and language.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. **B-**

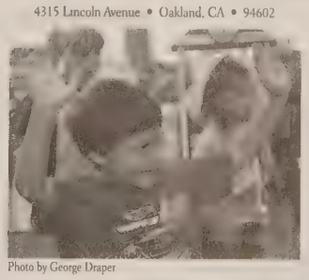
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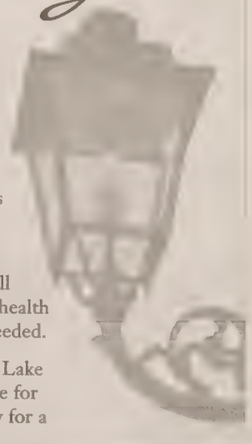
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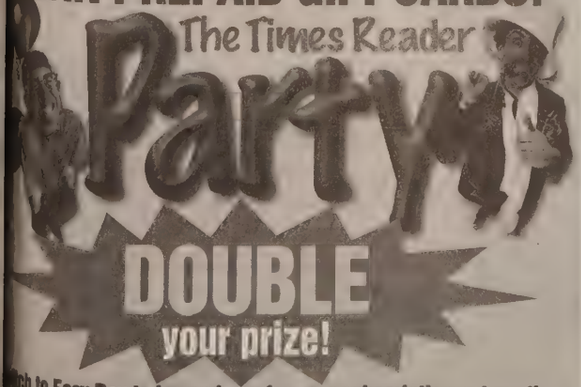
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: STEPHANIE KENNEDY aka STEPHANIE A. KENNEDY aka STEPHANIE ANNE KENNEDY
CASE NUMBER: RP06287959

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STEPHANIE KENNEDY aka STEPHANIE A. KENNEDY aka STEPHANIE ANNE KENNEDY

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: MARY KATE JOLY in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARY KATE JOLY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The Independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 10/31/06 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept. 23, located at 1221 Oak St., Oakland, CA 94612.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner:
Mary Kate Joly
8416 Rimrock Trail
Austin, TX 78723
/s/ Mary Kate Joly
Signature of Petitioner
Legal BV 2027
Publish September 22, 29, October 6, 2006

Legal Notice

FILED
September 5, 2006
S.L. WEIR
County Clerk
NANTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. Odegaard, Deputy
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) HAVE ABANDONED THE USE OF THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME:
GREASY TEES / HELL ON WHEELS
1487 ROSAL LN, UNIT B
CONCORD, CA 94521
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 8/5/05 in Contra Costa County under file number 2005-6752
Full Name of Registrant(s):
JOSH STEAGEN
330 ROSE AVE. #J
PLEASANTON, CA 94566
DANIEL C. LALAMA
1487 ROSAL LN. UNIT B
CONCORD, CA 94521
This business was conducted by: a general partnership
/s/ Daniel C. Lalama
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on the date indicated by the file stamp above.

FILED August 29, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By Y. Williams, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7153
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: MOM'S ORGANIC CLEANING SERVICES located at 1317 Liberty St., Apartment #17 in El Cerrito, CA 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
JENNY ELIZABETH NEYRA HOLDAR
1317 LIBERTY ST. APARTMENT #17
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Jenny Neyra
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
Expires August 29, 2011
Legal ECJ 2504
Publish September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2006

FILED September 11, 2006
PATRICK O'CONNELL,
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By ---, Deputy
FILE NO. 335162
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: LARA ASSOCIATES located at 1758 Solano Ave in Berkeley, CA 94707 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
EDUARDO LARA
2656 WILART DR.
RICHMOND, CA 94806
SONIA E. LARA
2656 WILART DR.
RICHMOND, CA 94806
This business is conducted by: individuals, Husband and Wife
/s/ Sonia E. Lara
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

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Business commenced in 2003
Expires September 11, 2011
Legal BV 2031
Publish September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 2006

FILED September 11, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By H. Franklin, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7477
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: JD'S RESTAURANT located at 2837 Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
ODYSSEY SUBS LLC
708 WESTBROOK CT.
DANVILLE, CA 94506
This business is conducted by: limited liability company
/s/ Billy R. Yates, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 9/11/06.
Expires September 11, 2011
Legal ECJ 2513
Publish September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2006

FILED September 19, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By H. Franklin, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7746
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: LAMORINDA FIREWOOD COMPANY located at 1 North Lane In Orinda, CA 94563/ P.O. Box 1407 Lafayette, CA 94549 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
BRETT ANDERSON
1 NORTH LANE
ORINDA, CA 94563
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Brett Anderson
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 8/19/06.
Expires September 19, 2011
Legal ECJ 2518
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
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By H. Franklin, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7812
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: AMERICAN IDEAS located at address in 19 Tinnin Way Ste. M, #363 in 94563 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
AKASHA GROUP, LLC
CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by: limited liability company
/s/ Rich Stachowski, Member/CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 7/06.
Expires September 21, 2011
Legal ECJ 2517
Publish September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 2006

FILED September 12, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By S. Morales, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7533
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: LOCATING LLC located at 6872 Cutting Blvd. in El Cerrito, CA 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
GEOTECH UTILITY LOCATING LLC
CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by: limited liability company
/s/ Jennifer Yolasan
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on NA.
Expires September 12, 2011
Legal ECJ 2516
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FILED September 1, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. McKillop, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7265
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: EAGLE CITY MOBILE ESTATES located at 2350 Main Street in Oakley, CA 94561 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
ELENA CAMEPA LIVING TRUST JULY 1989
320 BLUEBERRY DR.
SCOTTS VALLEY, CA 95066
This business is conducted by: a business trust
/s/ Peter Camepa, Trustee
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 9/1/06.
Expires September 1, 2011
Legal ECJ 2509
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FILED September 7, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J Odegaard, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7376
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: NATURAL PROPERTIES located at 2127 Galindo St. in Concord, CA 94520 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
NATURAL CAPITAL INC.
2127 GALINDO ST.
CONCORD, CA 94520
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Reed Robertson, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on N/A.
Expires September 7, 2011
Legal 7376
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FILED September 11, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. Caughren, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7487
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: LILY'S HEAVENLY DAY CARE located at 5350 Thunderbird Court in Antioch, CA 94531 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
MARY ANN S. DAVID
5350 THUNDERBIRD CT
ANTIOCH, CA 94531
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Mary Ann S. David
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 8/24/06.
Expires September 11, 2011
Legal ECJ 2511
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. Kirby, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-6690
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: TALKIN SPORTS located at 74 Bonaventura Drive in San Jose, CA 95134 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
SAN JOSE SALES AND DISTRIBUTION, INC.
CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Lloyd Kee, President/CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 8/1/1996.
Expires August 11, 2011
Legal ECJ 2505
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. Odegaard, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7208
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: BROAD-BASED KNOWLEDGE located at 5935 Orchard Ave. in Richmond, CA 94804 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
FLORA MC MARTIN
5935 ORCHARD AVE.
RICHMOND, CA 94804
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Flora McMartin
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 6/1/06.
Expires August 30, 2011
Legal ECJ 2515
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. Odegaard, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7432
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: SHELL SERVICE CENTER located at 3356 Mount Diablo Blvd in Lafayette, CA 94549 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
RAMAN DAING
336 SQUIRREL RIDGE WAY
DANVILLE, CA 94506
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Raman Daing
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 9/6/06.
Expires September 6, 2011
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. Odegaard, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7320
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: HELL ON WHEELS located at 1487 Rosa. Ln. Unit B in Concord, CA 94521 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
DANIEL C. LALAMA
1487 ROSAL LN., UNIT B
CONCORD, CA 94521
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Daniel C. Lamama
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 9/6/06.
Expires September 6, 2011
Legal ECJ 2519
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the person whose name appears hereon of his/her intention to circulate the petition within the city of Richmond for the purpose of qualifying a measure for the City of Richmond Safe Streets Now! Police and Violence Act." A statement of the reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:
In order to meet its vision as an economically vibrant, safe community it is essential that the City give top priority to protecting all its citizens from crimes of all types, particularly violent crimes. Based on the recent Morgan Quinto Press 2006 Report, the City of Richmond has the highest per capita violent crime rate in California and the eleventh highest in the entire nation. The City of Richmond is currently on pace to match the 2005 record violent crimes, the highest rate in more than a decade.
The City must act decisively and responsibly to save the lives of all of Richmond's neighborhoods and particularly in the most impacted, high crime areas. The City is currently budgeted to have only a staff of 179 sworn police officers on the street, a lower rate per thousand population than many neighborhood cities and well below the two officers per thousand that is the standard measure for police departments nationwide for cities of 100,000 or more.
This Act would amend the City of Richmond's Municipal Code to require that each fiscal year five percent (5%) of Richmond's unrestricted general fund revenues be placed in a special Police Officers/Anti-Violence Fund.
The Act would increase public safety and reduce violent crime by requiring that two-thirds of the monies in the Police Officers/Anti-Violence Fund would be used to increase the police force to a minimum of 215 police officers, to expand geographic based community policing, to increase the number of officers available for patrol, thereby increasing safety and fighting violence in our neighborhoods without raising taxes. The Act would also fight violence by requiring that one-third of the monies in the Police Officers/Anti-Violence Fund must be used for school-site based after-school academic and enrichment programs for students in Richmond public schools, youth employment and job training for young people age 16-21, recreational and youth development programs for children and youth under 18 years of age and provide job training programs to ex-offenders.
The Act establishes an Independent Citizens Oversight Commission comprised of nine City of Richmond residents to ensure that the funds are only spent to meet the minimum requirement of 215 police officers and violence prevention activities as described in the Act. The Commission is required to conduct an independent audit each year to ensure that all funds are spent in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
The Act will commit the City of Richmond to take immediate steps to dramatically reduce the incidents of violence and crime in our community. Decisive action must be taken before more lives are lost.
/s/ Irma L. Anderson
Date 8-16-06

The Richmond City Attorney has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

ADOPTION OF A CITY ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THAT GENERAL FUND REVENUES BE USED TO ESTABLISH " THE POLICE OFFICERS/ANTI-VIOLENCE FUND"

This ordinance, if approved by the voters, would amend the City of Richmond's Municipal Code to require that each fiscal year, five percent of the City's general fund revenues would be placed in a fund called "The Police Officers/Anti-Violence Fund."
The revenues in this fund would be restricted as follows:
--Two-thirds of the revenues would be applied to maintaining a City police force of at least 215 officers.
--One-third of the revenues would be applied to fund programs intended to reduce violence, such as after-school academic and recreational programs, and employment and job training for youths.
The ordinance would establish a nine-person "Citizens Public Safety Oversight Commission" to monitor expenditures from the fund.
The City Council may suspend the operation of the ordinance by a 3/4 vote if it finds that a fiscal crises exists. The City's Finance Director may reduce the amount of the general fund revenues placed in the aforesaid fund in order to enable the City to meet its debt service obligations or to replenish the general fund reserve.
The ordinance is to be repealed by the Richmond City Council if it finds that certain violence reduction targets are met. The ordinance expires of its own accord unless re-approved by a majority of the voters in the fifth year following the effective date of the ordinance.
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Publish September 29, 2006

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PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to the C-T District (Telegraph Avenue Commercial District, Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 23E.56), reducing discretionary thresholds for various uses that are already allowed with various permits, conversions of space, and changes of use and provide use permit relief to exceed existing quotas in certain circumstances.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday October 11, 2006 @ 7:00 PM
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

The Planning Commission of the City of Berkeley will hold a public hearing on the above matter on **Wednesday, October 11** at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue (at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way), Berkeley (wheelchair accessible).

Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may vote to recommend adoption, modification, or rejection of the proposed amendments. If the Planning Commission recommends adoption, the proposed amendments will be forwarded for action to the City Council.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed amendments to BMC Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Berkeley Municipal Code to consider:

- Permits required to establish a use.
- Permits required to change a use.
- Permits required to convert a tenant space (subdivide or assemble tenant spaces).
- Discretionary consideration for exceeding the established quota limits.

The amendments would not alter existing physical development standards, except as described above.

LOCATION: The proposed amendments would address the C-T zoned portions of Telegraph Avenue, generally located between Bancroft Way and Parker Street.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS: Staff concluded the proposed changes would be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the proposed amendments to change discretionary thresholds would not have a significant effect on the environment. Any proposed discretionary project will require its own review pursuant to CEQA. No new uses are proposed to be established or eliminated. No changes to existing development standards are proposed (with the exception of discretionary thresholds).

FURTHER INFORMATION: Questions about the project should be directed to the project planner, Mark Rhoades, AICP at (510) 981-7410 or mrhoades@ci.berkeley.ca.us or Jordan Harrison at (510) 981-7416 or jharrison@ci.berkeley.ca.us.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Comments may be made verbally at the public hearing and in writing before the hearing. Those wishing to speak at the hearing must submit a speaker card. Written comments concerning this project should be directed to:

Planning Commission
Jordan Harrison
Land Use Planning Division
2120 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Fax: (510) 981-7490
E-mail: **jharrison@ci.berkeley.ca.us**

To assure distribution to Commission members prior to the meeting, correspondence **must be received by 12:00 noon, seven (7) days before the meeting.** 15 copies must be submitted of any correspondence with more than ten (10) pages or any item submitted less than seven days before the meeting.

COMMUNICATION ACCESS
To request a meeting agenda in large print, Braille, or on audiocassette, or to request a sign language interpreter for the meeting, call (510) 981-7480 (voice) or 981-6903 (TDD). Notice of at least five (5) business days will ensure availability. Agendas are also available on the Internet at: www.ci.berkeley.ca.us.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 23B.44, Variances, to allow issuance of a Use Permit rather than a Variance in certain situations, and BMC Subtitle 23C, General Provisions, to allow rebuilding of certain residential buildings by right after a disaster.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday October 11, 2006 @ 7:00 PM
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

The Planning Commission of the City of Berkeley will hold a public hearing on the above matter on **Wednesday, October 11** at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue (at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way), Berkeley (wheelchair accessible).

Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may vote to recommend adoption, modification, or rejection of the proposed amendments. If the Planning Commission recommends adoption, the proposed amendments will be forwarded for action to the City Council.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed amendments to BMC Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Berkeley Municipal Code to consider:

- Amendment of Section 23B.44.010, Variances, to allow a Use Permit to be approved rather than a Variance to modify zoning regulations regarding height, setbacks, lot coverage, or parking requirements if needed to meet the City's Creek Ordinance setback requirements.
- Addition of Section 23C.04.100, Rebuilding after involuntary destruction of structure or portion thereof, to allow reconstruction of nonconforming residential buildings with up to three dwelling units if destroyed by disaster.

LOCATION: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS: Staff concluded the proposed changes would be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the proposed amendments would not have a significant effect on the environment. Any proposed discretionary project will require its own review pursuant to CEQA. No new uses are proposed to be established or eliminated.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Questions about the project should be directed to the project planner, Wendy Cosin, AICP at (510) 981-7402 or wcosin@ci.berkeley.ca.us.

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF ALBANY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 10, 2006 7:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000 SAN PABLO AVENUE, ALBANY, CALIFORNIA
PUBLIC HEARING:
ZONING MAP REVISIONS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE ALBANY GENERAL PLAN

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on revisions to the Zoning Map of the City of Albany. The purpose of the proposed changes is to revise the Zoning Map in to conformance with the City's adopted General Plan. State law requires consistency of a City's Zoning Ordinance and General Plan. The changes proposed for three areas of the city. In each of these areas, the current zoning does not permit a higher density of dwellings per acre than is permitted by the General Plan. The affected areas are shown on the attached maps, and include:

- **Kains Avenue, East Side:** All properties fronting on the east side of Kains Avenue extending from Brighton Avenue on the north, to the south city limits, plus the adjacent properties fronting on Brighton, Garfield, Washington, Portland Avenues and Dartmouth Street that are currently within the same zoning district as the Kains properties. The current zoning designation of the affected properties is "R-4 Residential High Density." The proposed zoning designation is "R-3 Residential Medium Density". The Albany General Plan designates the affected properties as "Medium Density Residential." *(Excluded from the proposed zoning change are properties fronting on Solano Avenue, which are zoned for commercial use. No change of zoning is proposed for the west side of Kains Avenue.)*
- **Adams Street, West Side:** All properties fronting on the west side of Adams Street extending from the southern boundary of the Orientation Center for the Blind to the north, to Buchanan Street on the south; plus certain adjacent properties fronting on Clay Street that are in the same zoning district. The current zoning designation of the affected properties is "R-3 Residential High Density." The proposed zoning designation is "R-2 Residential Medium Density". The Albany General Plan designates the affected properties as "Medium Density Residential." *(Excluded from the proposed zoning change are properties fronting on Solano Avenue, plus 906 and 908 Adams Street, which are zoned for commercial use. No change of zoning is proposed for the west side of Adams Street)*
- **Pierce Street, 500 block:** All properties located at 535 and 545 Pierce Street (Commons and Bridgewater) including all condominium units and common areas. The current zoning designation of the affected properties is "R-4 Residential High Density." The proposed zoning designation is "R-3 Residential High Density". *(This change does not involve the property at 555 Pierce Street, which will remain "R-4 Residential". No change of zoning is proposed for any other properties fronting on Pierce Street.)*

The above-described Zoning Map changes were proposed and reviewed as part of the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Revision, which was enacted and adopted in 2004. Final action on the described areas was deferred to a later date, to allow compliance with certain requirements of state law, as follows: State law requires that to permit the reconstruction of multifamily dwellings that are involuntarily destroyed by fire or other catastrophic event. As part of the 2004 Zoning Ordinance Revision, the City of Albany adopted a nonconforming use ordinance that exempts certain structures from the limitations on restoration that would apply to such nonresidential uses.

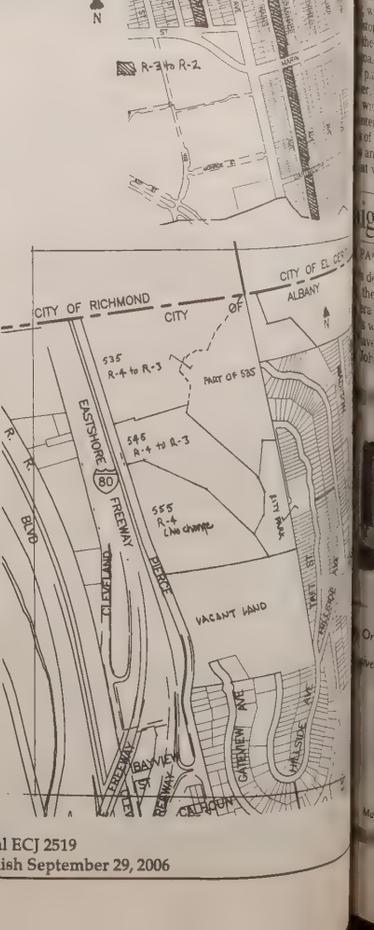
In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), on September 15, 2004 the City adopted a "Mitigated Negative Declaration" regarding the environmental impacts of the 2004 Zoning Ordinance Revision and General Plan amendments. Among the revisions that were analyzed were the changes to the zoning map that are proposed for enactment at this time. No environmental impacts were associated with the proposed map changes. Copies of the approved Declaration, the Initial Study on which the declaration was based, and a listing by address and assessor's parcel number of the properties affected by the public notice, are available at the City's website, http://www.albanyca.org, and may be viewed at:

City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Avenue – Community Development Department

Albany Library, 1247 Marin Avenue

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the City Council to approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove the proposed amendments to the Zoning Map.

For more information, contact the Albany Community Development Department, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, California 94706 or call (510) 528-5760.
Jeff Bond, Planning Manager Community Development Department



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Musicals are co-spon-
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minster's 2006 season
one of the largest in his-
tory in terms of the number of performers.

"Ragtime," which opened the season, had 61 in the cast, the second-highest in the 40-year history of the theater. "The Most Happy Fella," in 1969, holds the record with 71. "The King and I," performed this August, had 54 in the cast including 23 children ages 12 and younger. The Disney classic "Beauty and the Beast," which closed the season, had 46.

The public is invited to help choose the three shows that will make the 2007 summer season by visiting www.woodminster.com and navigating to the proposed list of shows and voting for their favorites.

The Woodminster Summer Musicals are performed under the stars at Woodminster Amphitheater, an open-air performance facility in Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland hills.

Producers Associates, Inc. was founded in 1967 by James and Harriet Schlader to provide affordable live summer family entertainment in the East Bay, and to foster a love of live theatre. For the past 40 years, the organization, in partnership with the Oakland Park and Recreation Department, has been producing summer musicals at Woodminster Amphitheater. Today, it sells more tickets per year than any other resident performing arts group in the city.

— Kathy Kahn



ALEX BRILL

ANGELA LAYFIELD and Mark Campbell performed in the title roles of "Beauty and the Beast," the final offering of this year's Woodminster Summer Musicals.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

Compiled from sales at 45 independent bookstores in Northern California.

Fiction

1. **"Rise and Shine,"** by Anna Quindlen. (Random House, $24.95.)
2. **"The Emperor's Children,"** by Claire Messud. (Knopf, $23.)
3. **"Water for Elephants,"** by Sara Gruen. (Algonquin, $23.95.)
4. **"Special Topics in Calamity Physics,"** by Marisha Pessl. (Viking, $25.95.)
5. **"Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman,"** by Haruki Murakami. (Knopf, $24.95.)
6. **"Suite Francaise,"** by Irene Nemirovsky. (Knopf, $25.)
7. **"A Spot of Bother,"** by Mark Haddon. (Doubleday, $24.95.)
8. **"All Aunt Hagar's Children,"** by Edward P. Jones. (Amistad, $25.95.)
9. **"After This,"** by Alice McDermott. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, $24.)
10. **"The Afghan,"** by Frederick Forsyth. (Putnam, $26.95.)

Nonfiction

1. **"I Feel Bad About My Neck,"** by Nora Ephron. (Knopf, $19.95.)
2. **"The Omnivore's Dilemma,"** by Michael Pollan. (Penguin, $26.95.)
3. **"Marley & Me,"** by John Grogan. (William Morrow, $21.95.)
4. **"The Female Brain,"** by Louann Brizendine. (Morgan Road, $24.95.)
5. **"The Looming Tower,"** by Lawrence Wright. (Knopf, $27.95.)
6. **"The Price of Privilege,"** by Madeline Levine. (HarperCollins, $24.95.)
7. **"Reading Like a Writer,"** by Francine Prose. (HarperCollins, $23.95.)
8. **"Fiasco,"** by Thomas E. Ricks. (Penguin, $27.95.)
9. **"Freakonomics,"** by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner. (Morrow, $25.95.)
10. **"Hubris,"** by Michael Isikoff and David Corn. (Crown, $25.95.)

Trade paperback fiction

1. **"The Memory Keeper's Daughter,"** by Kim Edwards. (Penguin, $14.)
2. **"On Beauty,"** by Zadie Smith. (Penguin, $15.)
3. **"Snow Flower and the Secret Fan,"** by Lisa See. (Random House, $13.95.)
4. **"The History of Love,"** by Nicole Krauss. (Norton, $13.95.)
5. **"The Sea,"** by John Banville. (Vintage, $12.95.)
6. **"Never Let Me Go,"** by Kazuo Ishiguro. (Vintage, $14.)
7. **"March,"** by Geraldine Brooks. (Penguin, $14.)
8. **"The Kite Runner,"** by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, $14.)
9. **"The Hummingbird's Daughter,"** by Luis Alberto Urrea. (Back Bay, $14.95.)
10. **"The Painted Drum,"** by Louise Erdrich. (HarperPerennial, $13.95.)

Trade paperback nonfiction

1. **"Running With Scissors,"** by Augusten Burroughs. (Picador, $14.)
2. **"The Glass Castle,"** by Jeannette Walls. (Scribner, $14.)
3. **"An Inconvenient Truth,"** by Al Gore. (Rodale, $21.95.)
4. **"The Devil in the White City,"** by Erik Larson. (Vintage, $14.95.)
5. **"The Places in Between,"** by Rory Stewart. (Harvest, $14.)
6. **"A New Earth,"** by Eckhart Tolle. (Plume, $14.)
7. **"Confessions of an Economic Hit Man,"** by John Perkins. (Plume, $15.)
8. **"Julie and Julia,"** by Julie Powell. (Back Bay, $13.99.)
9. **"The Tender Bar,"** by J.R. Moehringer. (Hyperion, $14.95.)
10. **"Mountains Beyond Mountains,"** by Tracy Kidder. (Random House, $14.95.)

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here's more: dizzying
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teractive process, and that the audience and the artists are not living "in two different worlds."

The anniversary exhibits mix art and life in intriguing ways.

Just inside the center's entrance, conceptual artist Jon Brumit displays a bicycle taxi that he plans to use to carry Richmond residents around the city, while recording their stories on video to be displayed throughout the exhibit.

Barbara Kossy uses more than 100 digital images to create composite, 360-degree views of artists in their Richmond studios — sometimes with multiple shots of the same artist. They're so appealing you want to step into the scene, even with the dizzying, kaleidoscopic effect.

The center's long-established classes and workshops draw students from all over the Bay Area, and it's a good sign of continued vibrancy that 65 classes are on the fall schedule.

One exhibit shows the kinds of work students and art center members produce, among them Mort Cohn's evocative ceramic "The Return, Dreamboat #1" and James E. Gayles' historic, collagelike portrait of blues guitarist Saunders King.

Rather than mount an exhibit covering the center's 70-year history, the staff has assembled an impressive array of works by established Bay Area artists. They're on display only until the Sept. 30 benefit auction, and worth a good look before they go on the block. Among them are Nathan Oliveira's amusingly frenzied, cutout "Angel Cat," and Terry St. John's little abstract painting, "Vallejo Marina."

"A Bay Area Legacy" is the title of the auction, but the exhibits show the range of fresh and innovative art being created today at the center and throughout the Bay Area.

Financially, things appear to be on track again. With a possible $30,000 in proceeds from the auction, a $25,000 challenge grant from the Dean and Margaret Lesher Foundation and a potential $60,000 in funding from the city next year, the center should remain a vital part of the Bay Area art scene.

HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the works by the East Bay's emerging artists selected from more than 200 entries for the Richmond Art Center anniversary exhibit:

■ The main gallery's "Geographic Premonitions" includes three stunning, large-scale photographs by Kirstyn Russell. "Near Modesto" depicts the detached, offset sections of a double-wide trailer in the midst of sun-burnished grassy hills. "Salton Sea" includes a prominent sign with an arrow pointing nowhere; and "Slab City" is of a deteriorating house trailer. There's a sense of nature reclaiming a forgotten civilization.

■ Jack Watling's series of paintings, grouped together on one wall, suggests what that lost civilization might have been. The images are both edgy and comic: a raccoon about to stab a man with what appears to be a barbecue fork and a giant chicken escaping from a fast-food stand.

■ Andrew Phares often combines found objects with his own work, bringing it to some sort of completion. His "Redemption Machine" is stacked above two old candy dispensers. Insert a quarter, turn the handle and out pops a scroll nestled inside a copper casing. One scroll, unrolled, carried red-stamped orders that read, "For Your Act of Contrition You Must Say 63 Hail Marys, 14 Our Fathers, And ..." Phares completes it with a handwritten quotation from the French surrealist poet Paul Eluard.

— Robert Taylor

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ohn Shaft and Foxy
Brown because those are two equally matched characters in terms of wit and strength.

The show should offer a championship clash between the sexes, given the time period and this sharp Shakespearean dialogue that has kept Kate and Petruchio battling through the centuries.

Details: The show runs through Oct. 22 in the Buriel Clay Theatre, 762 Fulton St., S.F. Tickets, at $25, may be reserved at 415-762-2071 or 800-838-3006. The city of Oakland is sponsoring a free performance at 4 p.m. Sunday in Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Legal Notice

Tanya Anne Koszkty Ratliff
1217 Canyon Village Cir
San Ramon, CA 9458
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
725 Court Street,
Martinez, CA 94553
PETITION OF: Tanya Anne Koszty Ratliff
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. N06-1417
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.
1. Petitioner Tanya Anne Koszty Ratliff has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: (Present Name) TANYA ANNE KOSZTY RATLIFF to (Proposed Name) ALEXANDER D J. KOSZTY RATLIFF
2. THE COURT ORDERS: All people interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 10/26/06, Time: 9:00 a.m., Dept.: 60, Room 102
b. The address of the court is: 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this County: El Cerrito Journal
Date: 8/24/06
/s/ Judith A. Sanders, Protem
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Legal ECJ 2503
Publish September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2006

Legal Notice

T.S. No. 06-4762-CA Loan No. [illegible] NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/15/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: John J. Crowley Jr. and Donna M. Crowley, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Alliance Title Company Recorded 11/01/2004 as Instrument No. 2004487836 in book , page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, Date of Sale: 10/20/2006 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Fallon St emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St. Oakland, CA For sale information call: (714) 573-1965 Wbsite for Trustees Sale Information: www.priorityposting.com Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $708,204.89 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 2333 Fulton Street Berkeley, CA 94704 Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust A.P.N.: 055-1887-014-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: 9/29/2006 For Sale Information Call: (714) 573 1965 Website for Trustees Sale Information: www.priorityposting.com Alliance Default Services, 4665 MacArthur Court Suite 250 Newport Beach, CA 92660 949-252-2800 Alliance Title Company Roy Hussing, Trustee Sale Officer Alliance Default Services P257792 9/29, 10/6, 10/13/2006
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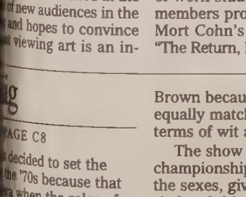
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No.: 20069134002015 FHA/VA/PMI No.: You Are In Default under a Deed of Trust, Dated 12/12/05 Unless You Take Action to Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold at a Public Sale. If You Need an Explanation of the Nature of the Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact a Lawyer. On October 19, 2006, at 01:30 PM, **Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C.,** as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/20/05, as Instrument No 2005-0486368-00, in book , page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, State of California. Executed by: LISA MARTINEZ, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN. Will Sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash, Cashier's Check/Cash Equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 725 COURT STREET, (CORNER OF MAIN & COURT STREETS), MARTINEZ, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 524-060-004-8. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 999 34TH STREET, RICHMOND, CA 94805 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $450,400.14. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 09/24/06, First American Title Insurance Company, LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707, Ric Juarez -- For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call 530-672-3033. Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. Any Information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0119659 09/29/06, 10/06/06, 10/13/06
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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

KRON's loss was a surprise

'THERE GOES CLASS out the door," one Hills reader e-mailed, quoting KRON sports anchor Gary Radnich after his surprise announcement two weeks ago tonight that Channel 4 evening co-anchor Tom Sinkovitz was signing off.

Sinkovitz's bio was quickly pulled from the KRON Web site. At least the station's online department is well-staffed. The genial Sinkovitz had been at KRON for 17 years. He's only the latest to bolt from a Channel 4 news shop once well-stocked with talent. The list of émigrés includes names like Brian Hackney, Vic Lee, Greg Lyon, Emerald Yeh and Steve Raleigh.

"We were all surprised," says one KRON anchor. "I'm sorry he couldn't reach a new contract deal with management." Dropping the station's 9 p.m. newscast in favor of sleazy Fox prime-time soaps ("My Network TV") may have saved KRON a few bucks, but it further damaged a once-respected news operation that drew ratings. A few talented pros remain from those — Radnich, Pam Moore, Catherine Heenan, Mark Jones. But the depleted KRON news is a shadow of its former self.

Sinkovitz was a solid pro, bemused-looking but never indulging in the kind of banal "happy talk" at the anchor desk that characterizes local newscasts like KGO-TV's. When Sinkovitz did say something, it was usually clever or amusing.

By the way, if you want further proof that local dailies ignore local TV coverage, the story of Sinkovitz's departure didn't appear in the San Francisco Chronicle until a week later, when a gossip columnist finally picked it up. Still nothing as of a week ago in the Oakland Tribune and other dailies. But an item on Sinkovitz's departure did, however, appear the following day — in online encyclopedia Wikipedia, under the KRON entry.

Whoever thought we'd see the day when encyclopedias scooped daily newspapers?

MAYOR ART UPDATE: Art Finley's Wikipedia entry is almost as long as KRON's. The guy did just about everything in Bay Area media: Radio talk shows on KGO, and KCBS; serving as fill-in for the legendary Don Sherwood on KSFO; hosting and producing a popular kids show on KRON, "Mayor Art," during which he wore a trademark top hat; and drawing "Art's Gallery," a weekday cartoon feature for the San Francisco Chronicle nestled between Stanton Delaplane's and Charles McCabe's daily observations.

Finley, who lost his beloved wife last summer, turned 80 in August. I visited the legendary Bay Area media character recently in his new apartment in Vancouver, B.C., where he'd moved from Victoria, B.C., after his wife's passing.

After years of urging by his friend, fellow former KGO talker Jim Eason, Finley has finally gotten hooked up to the internet. Radio's dulcet-voiced lion in winter is still in great mental and physical shape — the 6-foot-5 Finley has just dropped 40 pounds.

He closely follows the news, Canadian and Yank, and his answer was similar to Eason's when I asked Finley, who still has great pipes, if he'd ever work in radio again.

"Never," he quickly replied. But there IS something about today's talk radio Finley likes: He's a devotee of the Air America Radio outlet over in Seattle.

And, after years of urging, I finally got Finley to tune in CBS Radio commentator Dave Ross' daily talk show at Seattle's KIRO Radio, which may well be the country's best. "I heard Ross and I liked him," said Finley, another class act.

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at Newsmann@sonic.net.



JASMINE BROWN, Richmond Art Center's interim director, says she wants to help create "a sense of place." Shown here is Mark Inglis Taylor's "Sticker Tags and R

Richmond: Past, present, futu

■ Art Center celebrates 70 years of bringing talent and educational opportunity to community

By Robert Taylor
STAFF WRITER

THINGS ARE looking up at the Richmond Art Center, where new exhibitions stretch from floor to ceiling — and then some — to celebrate the center's remarkable 70-year history as a creative force in the city and the region.

Art created from such unlikely media as rope, ribbon, wallpaper, even laminated flooring, stretches up the walls and onto the ceiling in the exhibit that features the work of 15 of the East Bay's prominent "emerging artists."

Selected for the anniversary celebration's main exhibit, "Geographic Premonitions," the works also represent one of the center's main achievements in the past half-century: showcasing young, innovative artists who might turn out to be as notable as those featured in past exhibits, such as Tom Marioni and Clayton Bailey.

Marioni and Bailey, as well as Eleanor Coppola, Ed Ruscha, Peter Voulkos and other artists, are represented in the galleries as well — among the works to be auctioned in a benefit for the center Sept. 30.

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EXHIBIT

- **WHAT:** "Celebrating 70 Years!"
- **WHERE:** Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond
- **WHEN:** Noon-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Nov. 11
- **HOW MUCH:** Free
- **CONTACT:** 510-620-6772, www.therichmondartcenter.org
- **EVENTS:** Benefit live auction with works by Clayton Bailey, Eleanor Coppola, Nathan Oliveira and other artists, 6 p.m. Saturday, $35, 510-620-6772. Free reception for artists in exhibitions, 4-8 p.m. Oct. 14.



PAINTINGS by Jake Watling, including "Fresh Daily," are part of the "Celebrating 70 Years"

'Sandwich' is Civic Theatre's first cou

EL CERRITO has never been one of the world's theatrical centers, but it turned out to be pretty good for Louie Flynn, who snapped on his spotlight and created the Contra Costa Civic Theatre in the Bayside town nearly a half-century ago.

The light has dimmed little since — from the beginning, Flynn found an artistic home, and a remarkable amount of success for what was to become one of the area's most successful community theaters.

And one tradition that began early on was the production of Flynn's farce, "The Orchid Sandwich," which he first produced at his theater in 1960, when the play was two years old. The show will be remounted one more time, to celebrate the company's opening of its 47th season.

"Orchid Sandwich," which had its title changed to "Madness on Madrona Drive" in 1977 when it was published by Samuel French (the play publishing company), is the show that officially opened Contra Costa Community Theatre.

Like most farce, Flynn's play is based on a simple but catchy premise. In this case, the author recalled a time when he was living in Washington, D.C., and union leader and reputed mob figure Dave Beck had a home nearby in an exclusive suburb.



PAT CRAIG
One Hand Clapping

Louis Flynn got the idea for "The Orchid Sandwich" in Washington in the early 1950s and wondered how upscale neighbors would react to a neighbor who was connected. The idea turned out to be golden.

So that launched the tale of the neighborhood where mobster Johnny Trovado lives. The neighborhood is in a tizzy about the neighbor, and as Marry McHugh is about to be married, things turn a little frenzied when a trio of strangers — a wedding consultant, a phone repairman and the father of the groom — plots to plant a bomb in the Trovado home.

As has become tradition over the years, Flynn will play a small role in the production — this time as Mr. McCormick, the neighbor.

Details: The show plays 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 21, and there are 2 p.m. Sunday matinees Oct. 1-15. The current run will be considerably shorter than when the show debuted in 1958 at the Masquers Playhouse. There, it was booked for four weeks and ran for six months. Tickets are $18. Contact 510-524-9132 or www.ccct.org.



CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE is bringing back "The Orchid Sandwich," to mark its 47th season. The play premired in 1960.

"COLORADO," by Peter Sinn Nachtrieb, opened earlier this month at LaVal's Subterranean Theatre in Berkeley.

Based on "Hunter Gatherers," though, Nachtrieb's work is worth seeking out. The writer has a sharp and quirky sense of humor and a knack for surprise. And it sounds like "Colorado" will offer many of those things.

The show, at first blush, anyway, seems to be a dark comedy about celebrity worship, within just one family. Tracy Ackhart is crowned Miss Late Teen Colorado, but disappe[ars] before the nati[onal] ...

Not surprisingly, ... upset, but for very ... sons — all four of t[hem] have good reas[ons] her. Of course, th[ey] alive, too, becaus[e] cess, they firml[y] will bring them ...

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The 2007 Mitsubishi Outlander is loaded with innovations

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

You'll be shopping for a sport utility vehicle until November. That's when Mitsubishi dealerships will have their new Outlander in stock — a vehicle that's loaded with innovations.

The new idea is the high-strength steel roof. This keeps the SUV from getting "too heavy" and provides better handling and balance, especially when making tight turns because of the lower center of gravity.

The new Outlander also has lightweight aluminum steering wheel paddle shifters — a SUV first — allowing me to shift up and down gears while keeping both hands on the steering wheel.

Want to have a tailgate party? The rear door design of the Outlander's tailgate allows it to fold down extra low. This is perfect for lifting heavy cargo into the storage area, and it also makes for a comfortable level for sitting when tailgating. The tailgate can hold up to 440 pounds. I suspect these features are going to be duplicated by other manufacturers.

The new sport utility is built on a new platform and is powered by a V6 220 horsepower engine that is the cleanest gasoline burning engine in its segment. Also, the timing belt is good for 100,000 miles.

The Outlander offers three trim levels. It comes in front-wheel drive. The XLS are available with an electronically controlled 4-wheel drive system. The all-wheel drive system combines an electronically controlled four-wheel drive system with Skid and Traction Control. This feature alone is going to save many lives, which is why stability control will be standard on all vehicles by 2009. It also has new front and rear suspension and a stiffer for the high body rigidity is from high-strength steel.

Another safety feature is the all-new braking system, featuring a new single 10-inch booster, which improves boost response and brake feel.

The new Outlander is longer, taller and wider than its predecessor and with an athletic appearance and sits on 16-inch wheels with alloy wheels on the XLS model.



MOTOR MATTERS

THE NEW OUTLANDER is longer, taller and wider than its predecessor and has an athletic appearance.

KEANE ON WHEELS

The XLS model offers other high-technology upgrades, such as leather seating, heated front seats, auto-leveling xenon HID headlamps and power adjustable driver's front seat.

The interior is rather spacious for five- or seven-passenger seating. The 60/40 third row can fold down into the floor. It also has loading rails on the floor and there is 73.6 cubic feet of storage space.

The seats are covered with a suede-like knit material that appears to be very tough, functional, and I'm told, easy to clean. After I adjusted the seat — power seats on the XLS model — I found the control very convenient and easy to reach. The instruments have a high-quality finish with silver trim. The entire appearance has a more expensive look than the low $20,000 it is expected to cost (the exact price is not yet available).

On the road, it was very easy to handle and maneuver and even though it has a sport-oriented suspension it provided a smooth, quiet ride. I found it as easy to handle as a sports sedan. I was impressed with its low interior noise level, which made listening to satellite radio more enjoyable. My tester also had a navigational screen and I was amazed at the amount of information it contained. I'm told this screen can also be used for viewing a DVD.

The rear seat has a nine-inch DVD screen and it comes with a "best in class" nine-speaker Rockford-Fosgate Premium Audio system. The LS and XLS also offer Bluetooth wireless technology.

If this vehicle sounds like a winner, hold off until November and drive it.

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Three generations have worked on their 1938 Chevro

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

CLASSIC CLASSICS

Consider the plight of young John Mitchell in 1973. On the eve of acquiring his driver's license and about to go off to high school, he didn't have a car.

That summer the family went to visit his grandfather on his farm in the Shenandoah Valley. While there the teen-ager and his father, Dave, both noticed a derelict car parked in a nearby field.

"It was in rough shape and upon closer inspection my father determined it to be a 1938 Chevrolet," the younger Mitchell said. "I found it fascinating as I was a 15-year-old male eagerly anticipating the ascension to independent transportation."

After talking with the owner of the old two-door sedan, father and son sat down for a serious talk. The year before he got his driver's license, his father offered this deal.

"If I committed to working tirelessly and endlessly on restoring the Chevy, then he would let me drive the car to high school when I turned 16. Thus began the greatest father-son project of all time," Mitchell recalls.

Mitchell, now an ophthalmologist, recalls his father paid $800 for the Chevrolet. "That was very gracious of dad," he says.

The car was towed to their home where the restoration took place. The work was especially difficult because, Mitchell explains, we did not have a garage or even a carport. "We bought a cover for the car," he says. The only thing that made the project feasible was the fact that Mitchell's father was a mechanical engineer and knew his way around cars.

"All repairs were weather-dependent, although rain was about the only thing that would stop us, and only then if the repairs weren't underneath the car," Mitchell recalls.

Twelve months a year, during both day and night hours, work continued on the Chevrolet. The teen-ager became adept at the use of a timing light, vacuum gauges and gapping spark plugs. Mitchell reports that he learned to hone and rebuild the master and wheel brake cylinders and how to adjust drum brakes.

The car became a family project when Mitchell's mother reupholstered the interior with the exception of the headliner. The brown fabric she selected more or less matched the original color. His sister got in the act by hand painting the indented design on each hubcap.

"The most time-consuming project was when I decided to use the wire wheel on a drill to grind down the entire undercarriage, fenders, axies, everything and prime and paint it high temperature engine gray. I then topped it off with rewiring the entire car with an original cloth insulated wiring harness," Dr. Mitchell says. "I was a glutton for punishment."

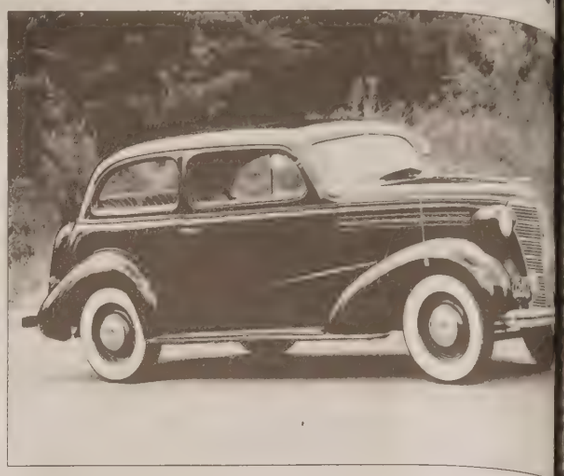
The headlights on the Chevrolet predate sealed beam units. Mitchell says the old 6-volt headlight bulbs are so dim that he can overdrive them at about 20 mph. To help navigate after dark he installed additional driving lights.

The problem was they drained the battery in about 30 minutes. Then he would shut off the driving lights and wait while the generator would recharge the battery.

The car served him well during high school. When he went off to college, however, the car sat more or less neglected. Both father and son agreed it would be best if the car was sold or put into long-term storage. "We both had so much emotional and nostalgic investment in the car, we decided to store it," Mitchell says.

They drove it back out to his grandfather's Shenandoah farm where it stayed for 27 years. In the spring of 2003, Thomas, the middle of Mitchell's three sons, was 15 and expressed an interest in a car to drive to high school.

Once the old Chevrolet had been trucked to his Centreville, Va., home, Mitchell, his father and his son set about bringing the car back to life.



THREE GENERATIONS OF MITCHELLS have delved into the inner workings of a 1938 [illegible] and all agree they are better men for the experience.

"Things had changed for the better in 27 years. I now had a garage to work in, and things moved more quickly," Mitchell says.

Much of the previous work held up but time took its toll and brake lines had to be replaced, as did the fuel pump, gas tank and running board mats.

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Blackened spark plugs indicate a rich fuel mixture

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

AUTO DOCTOR

Dear Doctor: I own an old 1972 Ford Torino with only 58,000 miles. The engine is a Cleveland 351 V8 two-barrel carburetor. I installed a used Holley 500 cfm two-barrel carburetor and gave it a complete tune-up. The engine ran great for 400 miles. Now it backfires through the carburetor when I accelerate. I pulled out the spark plugs and they were black in color. Could the carburetor be faulty? — Andrew

Dear Andrew: The black-colored spark plugs indicate a very rich fuel condition. The used carburetor simply could have too big a jet inside the float bowl or an internal problem, such as the float or leaking power valve. Whatever the problem, it must be repaired before you gas-wash the cylinders. Take the carburetor off and take it to a carburetor shop.

Dear Doctor: My dad drives a 1995 Mercedes-Benz C280 with only 56,000 miles. Occasionally the engine will turn over and not start. Sometimes the car has to be towed away to the Mercedes dealer or a local service station. Neither the dealer nor the local shop has been able to locate the problem. — Joe

Dear Joe: There are no bulletins or ongoing history complaints on this intermittent no-start problem. To locate the source of either the spark or fuel problem will require both a spark and fuel tester hooked up to the car. Your dad will have to tell the technician what the engine is lacking when the engine cranks over and fails to start. There is no easy find for the intermittent problem on this car.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1986 Chevy Blazer 305 V8 with a carburetor — not fuel injected — with only 50,000 miles. Sometimes the engine will crank over and not start. When it doesn't start there is no spark. — Charlie

Dear Charlie: Your Blazer should have a four-wire electronic distributor. The spark and advance system is controlled by a small processor located near the glove compartment in the dash. The most common failure on this system is the distributor pick-up, wiring to the processor and the small processor itself. You can find and repair the problem or replace the distributor to a simple HEI unit from a salvage yard. The HEI distributor requires only a 12-volt key-on power and a vacuum line from the carburetor.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001 Grand Marquis and live in Houston where the temperature is very warm. The air conditioner works fine for short trips. However, it will stop working on trips 30 minutes or longer. I have been to the dealer and local shops. What do you think? — Charles

Dear Charles: If the problem were loss of blower fan speed, I would look at the blower speed module and poor connections. A quick look on Identifix also confirms my findings. If the problem were lack of cooling, a system pressure check would need to be done.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001 Chevrolet Impala. I read your article to Randy about the leaking a/c system in his car. You recommended the use of an a/c sealer. Are you aware that the use of sealers in a/c systems voids the warranty and can cause the vehicle's a/c system to be completely replaced if any component fails? — Doug

Dear Doug: Thanks for your input, Doug. I have been using the a/c super sealant for many years. My supplier has been sealing it for 10 years. To date, no shop, including mine, which he has sold the sealant to has had any problems with the use of the a/c sealant.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 Oldsmobile Alero that seems to have an electrical problem. After the car is started, the dash lights, gauges and door locks will not work. But backing out of the garage, they all start working. This happens sporadically. My mechanic checked for bulletins and/or recalls and found none. — Rita

Dear Rita: Intermit[tent] can be hard to track [down] step is a check of trouble [codes] I have seen a lot of [problems] the ignition switch on this [vehicle] The technician may have [to] and check the ignition [switch] harness connections.

Dear Doctor: [I have] Oldsmobile Aurora. Last [year] original a/c unit was [replaced] brand new unit. Now [there's a] whining sound as it [engages] said the a/c unit was [not] replaced it. However [the sound] there and disappears [when] the a/c. — Tom

Dear Tom: A [noise] moving pulleys with [bearings] should reveal where [the noise] coming from. It sounds [like] faulty a/c compressor [clutch] opinion from another [mechanic]

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ow big a trailer can you ow with a small rig?

JEFF JOHNSTON
TOR MATTERS

ore RVers looking at their family vehicles as potential the question of maximum ne often arises. Although w vehicle manufacturer es- a maximum tow rating for buyers often ask how long they can safely tow, rather w heavy it can be.

good question. A smaller such as a compact SUV en, has a relatively short se and seemingly small size compared to the RV oled behind it.

question of "how long" is swered by keeping an the "how heavy" factor. In words, as long as you a trailer that stays within ing weight rating, it won't long.

a factor of how RVs are ctured. Although a lot more ht RVs are being built, the still are so light that they e too large for the tow rig bserving the maximum tow- ht limit.

a longer wheelbase usu- slates into more stable a smaller rig can be per- ble as a tow rig, as well. ter of choosing the trailer the tow rig, being sensi- how much payload is and perhaps most impor- ing a properly adjusted ng hitch.

ecently did a towing test issan Pathfinder hitched oachmen Captiva 245DS railer that was 27 feet 9 ing, including the hitch. en was rated to tow 6,000 and the trailer weighed ounds wet but empty, so ehup was good as far as ers went. The trailer had oximately 700-pound hitch t, likewise, was a terrific for stability because it ex- the recommended 10- or ent hitch weight, at mini- of the overall trailer weight. oaded our heavy cargo for- the axles and cranked down using hitch spring bars to ned to be a good point.

a few miles on the road, ad something was amiss. ehup was not as stable as we would have liked. We had to pay close attention to the road, and frequent steering corrections were needed to maintain our spot in the lane. Passing trucks created white-knuckle moments of gripping the steering wheel and edging over to the far side of the lane to minimize the truck bow-wake wind effect. This situation definitely needed help, so we stopped at a rest area to take another look.

The trailer frame wasn't riding level relative to the ground. It was up a bit in front, which can cause excess trailer sway. The frame should be level or down a bit in front near the hitch. We unhitched and lowered the hitch head by one hole in its adjustable mount. A return to the highway showed our stability had improved, but still wasn't quite what we wanted, so another stop for adjustment was in the books.

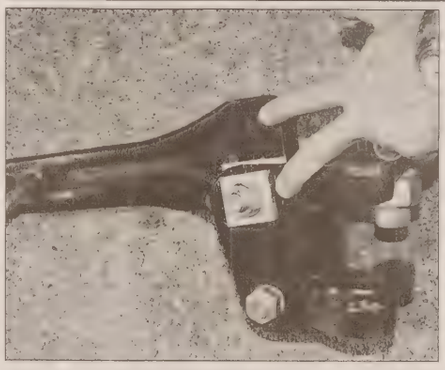
Ideally, the equalizing hitch spring bars should be adjusted so the hitch weight is equally distributed between the tow rig's front and rear axles. The Pathfinder has independent rear suspension, which normally is a help with towing because it helps avoid aft-end lateral motion caused by the trailer hitch pushing sideways on curves and such. The rear tires on our rig were bowed out at the bottom, something like the rear end of an old VW bus, which indicated the rig's aft end was still too low compared to its normal static ride height.

We changed the spring bar adjustment and tightened them up so we had five links hanging — with the sixth link on the hanger pin — instead of just four hanging, or "dropped" as the industry calls the loose links. There needs to be enough links between the hanger and the spring bar end to allow free movement during turns. If there are too few links, the hitch head angle may need to be adjusted down to change the spring bar angle. Most equalizing hitches have such adjustments built in.

With the springs tightened and the Pathfinder's aft end raised, the rear tires reassumed a closer-to-vertical stance, as they should. A return to the highway revealed dramatically improved towing manners with much better stability. Passing trucks were far less of a concern. It was far easier to hold our in-lane position without constant stress.

Yes, you can tow a good-size trailer with a smaller, short-wheelbase rig. Be sure your adjustments are on target and the weight numbers add up, and you'll be good to go.







MOTOR MATTERS

THE NISSAN PATHFINDER CAN SAFELY TOW a large trailer, such as the Coachmen Captiva 245D, as long as the hitch equipment is properly adjusted. Adjusting the chain length on the hitch chain hanger links will have a dramatic impact on towing stability.

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CX-9 coming: The latest product introduction by Mazda is the all-new CX-9, a seven-passenger crossover sport utility vehicle. It will arrive at Mazda dealers in early 2007. The design acts as a new standard for style, while incorporating an interior of elegance with class-leading space and versatility. With a 3.5-liter V6 engine, the CX-9 is a clean break from the traditional SUVs, blending sporty driving with seven-passenger practicality.

Life Saver: Vehicles will be required to have stability-control systems to reduce the risk of rollovers and crashes by 2009. More than 10,000 lives could be saved each year with the systems that use brakes and engine power to keep a car from veering out of the driver's control, are on all vehicles, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. That would make stability control the most life-saving safety device since the seat belt.

Source: USA Today.

GM warranty: General Motors Corp.'s new warranty program will give the automaker an edge in the highly competitive market for full-size pickup trucks, a segment where GM will likely gain market share in the near term, a top company executive told Reuters. The company's near-term strategy hinges on selling new pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles — models with the largest profit margins — to help revive North American operations.

Source: Reuters.



MAZDA CX-9 is a [illegible] passenger crossover vehicle

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663 Wilson Av - $500,000

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1470 151st Av - $525,000
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HIGHEST PRICE: $700,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $590,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $583,167

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LOWEST PRICE: $462,000
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MEDIAN PRICE: $529,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $578,667

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HIGHEST PRICE: $660,000
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AVERAGE PRICE: [illegible]

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PRICE: $533,000

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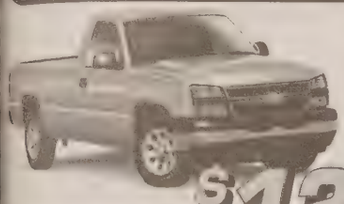
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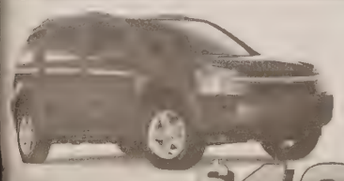


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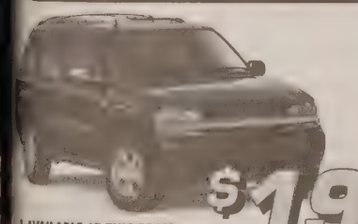


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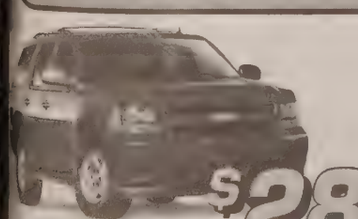


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Jeep expands its lineup with the new Wranglers and more

BY DAVE VAN SICKLE
MOTOR MATTERS

DOWN THE ROAD



Jeep has seven models in the 2007 model year, the most available to retail consumers at one time in the 65-year history of Jeep vehicles.

The expansion of the Jeep brand has taken place in just two years. At the start of 2004, the brand's trio of SUVs included the Jeep Grand Cherokee, Jeep Liberty — and the icon of the brand, the Jeep Wrangler (two-door).

In 2005, the Jeep Commander was introduced as a 2006 model. Think of it as a Grand Cherokee with a larger, more functional body and three rows of seats, while retaining Jeep's go-anywhere, do-anything capability. Complementing the Commander Sport and Commander Limited models in 2007 is the Jeep Commander Overland model that adds a touch of luxury with platinum-chrome exterior accents and wood, leather and suede interior accents.

The redesigned Wrangler two-door is now available as a 2007 model. Overall width has been increased 5.5 inches to provide increased hip and shoulder room. Wheelbase is up 2 inches, but overall length is down two. The venerable inline six has been replaced with a 3.8-liter V6 engine good for 202 horsepower and 237 pounds-foot torque. With tire sizes ranging from 16 to 18 inches and an electronic-disconnecting front sway bar, the new Wrangler still has the capability to handle the toughest trails.

The all-new 2007 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited features a 116-inch wheelbase, achieved by adding 20.6 inches to the standard all-new 2007 Wrangler's 95.4-inch wheelbase. The additional length allows a larger rear seat with three seating positions, more hip, leg and shoulder room, and nearly triple the rear cargo space.

"Combining four-door convenience with Wrangler's unique open-air design and off-road capability, the all-new 2007 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited is the only four-door convertible on the market," said George Murphy, Chrysler Group senior vice president, global brand marketing.

Offered in two-wheel and four-wheel drive, Jeep Wrangler Unlimited uses the same five-link, solid-axle suspension configuration as the standard 2007 Wrangler. It also retains Wrangler's removable full-framed or half doors, exposed hinges, fold-down windshield and removable and convertible tops.

Also new this year is the Jeep Compass. It's a compact vehicle, offering the packaging and functionality of an SUV with the performance, handling, fuel economy and price of a compact car or small pickup. Compass is the Jeep brand's first front-wheel-drive-based product with a fully independent suspension for comfortable on-road ride and handling. Side-curtain airbags, traction control, electronic stability control, brake assist, electronic roll mitigation and anti-lock brakes are all standard.

In addition to its standard front-wheel-drive configuration, Jeep Compass also has an available basic four-wheel-drive system with a lockable center coupling for rough weather conditions and low-traction surfaces. Just think of Compass as Jeep-light or a crossover between SUV and car — It's not ready for real off-roading.

The third all-new Jeep for 2007 is the Patriot. Like the Jeep Compass, the Patriot shares its platform, engine, transmissions and safety systems with the Dodge Caliber. With its traditional Jeep styling, the Patriot shares most of the attributes of the packaging and functionality of the Compass, but offers more powertrain possibilities.

Patriot is available in three drive configurations: front-wheel drive, Freedom Drive I (a full-time, active four-wheel-drive system with lock mode) and Freedom Drive II Off-Road Package (a full-time, active 4x4 system with low range that provides what Jeep calls true 4x4 trail-rated capability).

Since its introduction in 2002, the Jeep Liberty continues to be popular in the midsize SUV segment. For 2007, the Jeep Liberty offers the Sport and Limited models in 4x2 and 4x4 configurations. The diesel-powered version of the Jeep Liberty is no longer available in the U.S.

Introduced in 1992, the Jeep Grand Cherokee continues to improve by offering a diesel engine. The new 3.0-liter common rail turbo diesel engine offers up to 30 percent improvement in fuel economy, class-leading torque, outstanding towing capacity of 7,400 pounds and a driving range of about 425 miles. The 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee also adds side-curtain airbags with roll-detection system as a standard safety feature.

Jeep marks it 65th anniversary in 2006. Back in 1941, the Willys-Overland company delivered to the U.S. Army 1,500 light reconnaissance vehicles called the Willys Quad. Improved vehicles were called the MA and MB, but eventually, those vehicles came to be known as the Jeep.

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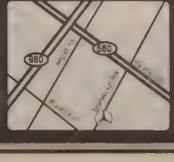
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Land Rover adds V6 engine to the LR3 sport utility vehic

BY CONNIE KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

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The Land Rover LR3 is a supremely comfortable and worldly capable luxury sport utility. Now a V6 engine joins the V8 lineup.

This luxury truck has it all: ready to get muddy in any off-road terrain and prepared to escort occupants to any formal event. This SUV is world-class in sophistication and rudimentary in brawn.

LR3 buyers have a choice between two engines, with Land Rover adding a V6 to the lineup. The 4.0-liter V6 generates 216 horsepower at 4,500 rpm and 269 pounds-foot of torque at 3,000 rpm. This powerplant is mated to a six-speed automatic and has fuel economy ratings of 14 miles per gallon city and 19 mpg highway. The LR3 V6 starts at $38,950. The next model in the three-trim lineup is the SE, also equipped with the V6 engine, with a base price of $45,450.

My tester was the top-of-the-line V8-equipped LR3 HSE with a starting price of $53,450, including destination charges. Optional equipment brought the as-tested price tag to $56,475. A pretty high price for an SUV, however, the price reflects the LR3's quality craftsmanship, luxurious appointments and true off-roading characteristics.

Optional features on my HSE model included a $625 Heavy-Duty Package, featuring a locking rear differential and a full-size spare alloy wheel; a $1,750 Luxury Package, including adaptive headlights, heated seats, heated windshield and heated washer jets; and the $400 satellite radio system.

In past test-drive experiences, I've driven Land Rovers in challenging and difficult off-road courses. The Land Rover is a true off-roader and one of the best trucks on the market to inspire driver confidence in trekking treacherous terrain; the LR3 can easily ford more than 2 feet of water. With its thoroughly comprehensive four-wheel drive system, the Land Rover should not be solely relegated to sitting in the driveway, mall parking lots or in highway traffic. It's a waste of a life for this vehicle.

The LR3's permanent 4WD features the Terrain Response system. I dialed the terrain system I needed by turning the dial to best meet the road conditions I was navigating. Universal language pictures depict the traction surface to dial in. The Terrain Response automatically sets the LR3 to respond to the road surfaces based on general driving, slippery and snow, mud and ruts or off-road crawl.

The LR3 provides on-road smoothness with Land Rover's Integrated Body-frame design and combines with a boxed steel ladder frame for all-terrain handling and towing.

The tester's 4.4-liter V8 engine generates 300 horsepower at 5,500 rpm and 315 pounds-foot of torque at 4,000 rpm. EPA-rated fuel economy figures are 14 mpg city and 18 mpg highway. The V8 engine is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission. The V6 and SE models come with 18-inch wheels, while the HSE has standard 19-inch wheels and tires.

One of the most over-the-top features on the LR3 HSE test model were the three-row overhead moonroofs with protective sliding window screens. I thought these triple Alpine roofs were the epitome of world-class international luxury. Each of the three rows in my seven-passenger HSE had a permanently exposed moonroof with a darkened screen that protected against sun glare. The two-piece tailgate design allowed me to access the rear cargo area easily by lifting the glass for dropping in items or loading cargo with the gate in the full open position.

Luxury SUV buyers looking for a dynamic go anywhere for every occasion utility vehicle should test the LR3.



THE LAND ROVER LR3 is world-class in sophistication and rudimentary in brawn.



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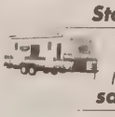
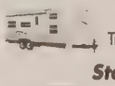
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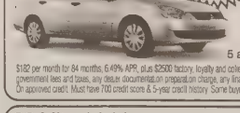
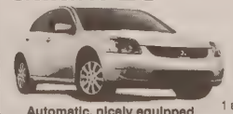
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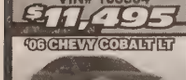
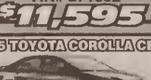
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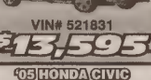
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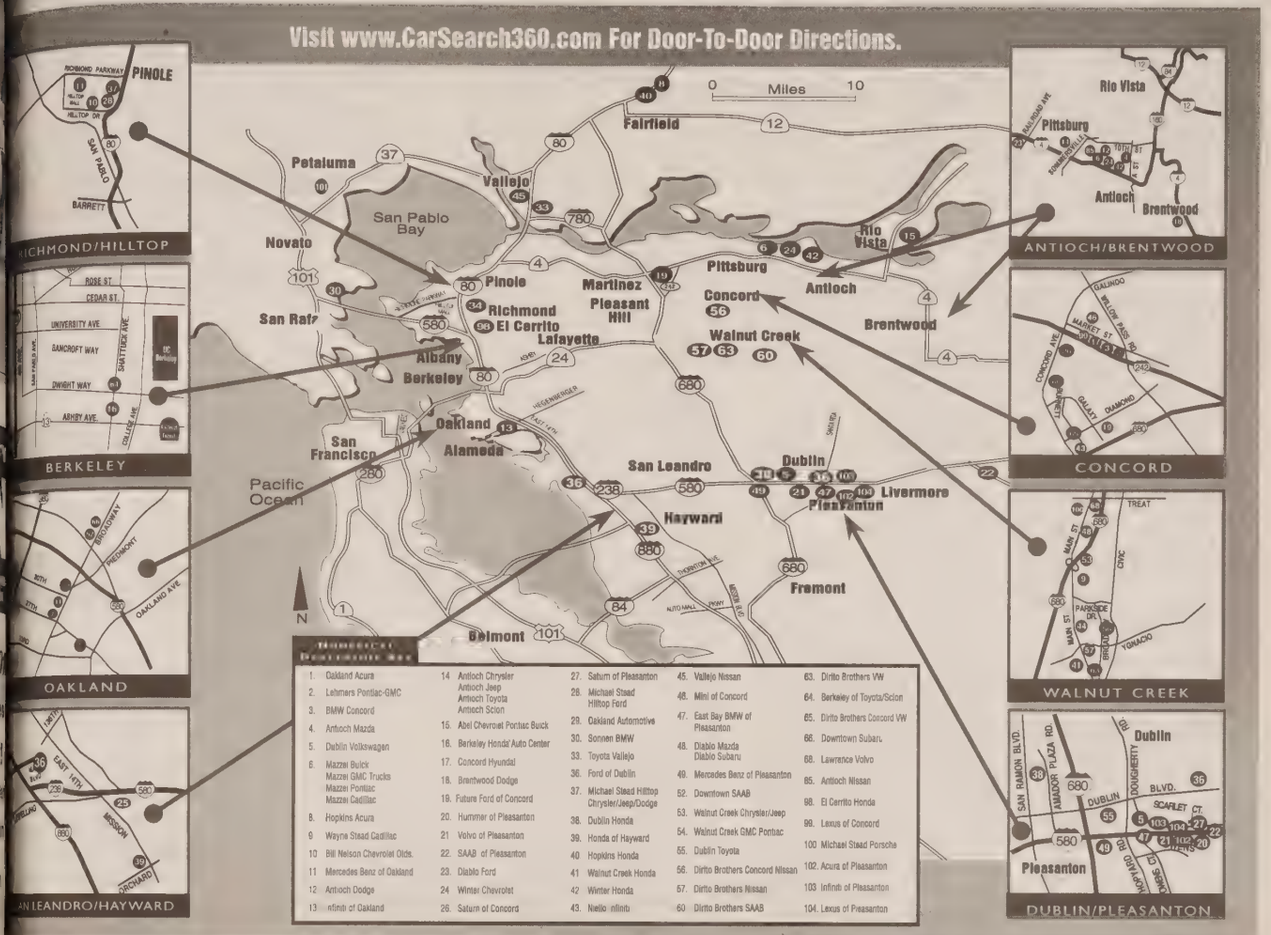
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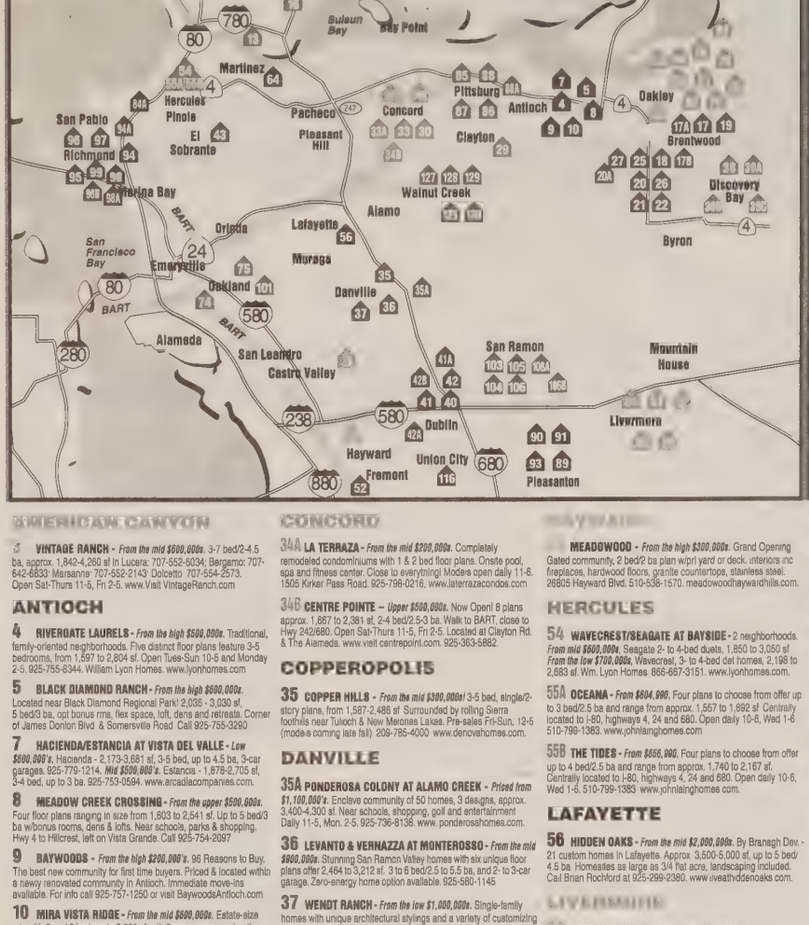
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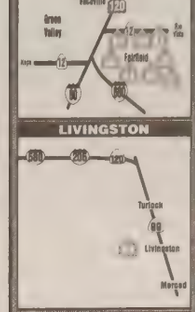
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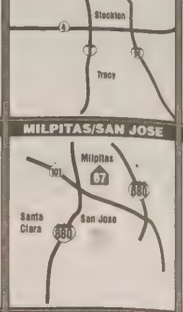
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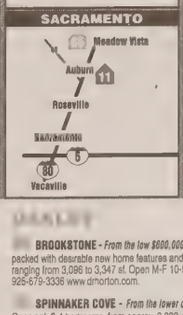
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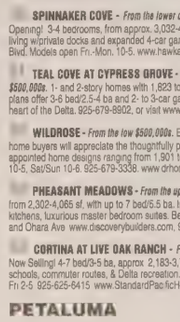














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8 MEADOW CREEK CROSSING - *From the upper $500,000s.* Four floor plans ranging in size from 1,603 to 2,541 sf. Up to 5 bed/3 ba w/bonus rooms, dens & lofts. Near schools, parks & shopping. Hwy 4 to Hillcrest, left on Vista Grande. Call 925-754-2097

9 BAYWOODS - *From the high $200,000's.* 96 Reasons to Buy. The best new community for first time buyers. Priced & located within a newly renovated community in Antioch. Immediate move-ins available. For info call 925-757-1250 or visit BaywoodsAntioch.com

10 MIRA VISTA RIDGE - *From the mid $600,000s.* Estate-size lots with 5 and 6 bed, up to 3,600 sf with 3-car garages and options like dens, lofts, & studies. Water and hillside views. James Donlan Blvd. to Hummingbird Dr 925-755-3583. www.seenohomes.com

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11 OUTLOOK AT INDIAN HILL - *From $1.1 million.* Eleven luxurious, lake view estates. 3,458-4,090 sf. 4-5 bed plus casitas Open daily 11:00-5:30. 916-663-3239. I-80 Newcastle exit to Auburn – Folsom Rd. to Tyler Dr. www.cobblestonehomes.com.

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16 WATERS END - *From the $800,000s.* Now Selling! Ideally situated in one of Benicia's most desirable bayside communities, Waters End features 4 exciting floor plans ranging from approx. 2,758 to 3,765 sf 866-660-1283, www.watersendbenicia.com

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18 MARIPOSA - By Lennar. Featuring spacious 4 and 5 bed homes ranging from 2,492 to 3,687 sf. Loaded with upgrades and designer appointments as part of Lennar's exclusive "Everything's Included" program. Interest list now forming! Call 1-800-615-9999.

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20 GARIN LANDING - *From the mid $500,000s.* Move-in ready homes & fully furnished & landscaped model homes in Garin Ranch. Approx. 1,901-2,050 sf, 3-4 bed/2.5 ba. Open Mon 12-5, Tues-Sun 10-5. 925-240-1585. Broker coop welcome. www.sigprop.com.

20A GARIN CORNERS - *From the low $500,000s.* Homes enjoy the close proximity to the best of Brentwood. These beautiful 3-5 bed/2.5-3 ba range up to 2,521 sf. Models open daily 10-5; Mondays 12-5. Call 925-240-1585 or visit us at www.sigprop.com.

21 DREAMCATCHER RIDGE - *Priced from the mid $800,000s.* Five 1- & 2-story plans from 2,434 to 4,847 sf with 3-5 bed/ up to 3.5 ba, luxurious amenities, the latest new home technologies. Open M-F 10-5, Sat/Sun 10-6. 925-516-3560 www.drhorton.com.

22 THE PARC AT CEDARWOOD - *From the low $600,000s.* By Signature Properties. 4 floor plans from approx. 1,948 sf (3 bed, single-story) to 2,489 sf (5 bed, two-story) w/up to 3 ba plus options for den & master retreat (per plan). 925-513-1057. www.sigprop.com.

25 PONDEROSA CROSSROADS - *From the mid $600,000s.* Features 5 flexible 1- and 2-story floor plans, with up to 5 bed and 3.5 ba in up to 3,824 sf. Open 11-5 daily, Mon 2-5. 925-240-9760. www.ponderosahomes.com

26 BRIDGEVIEW AT DEER RIDGE - *From the high $600,000s.* Golf course living at its best, 2,124 to 3,691 sf homes with 6 floor plans. Exquisite one-and two-story homes with 4 to 7 bed/2 to 4 ba and 2 to 4 car garages. 925-634-7747, or visit www.kbhome.com.

27 VISIONS OF BRENTWOOD - *From the $700,000s.* Now Selling! Two-story homes, approx. 2,601 to 4,200 sf, up to five bed and three or four-space garages.

CASTRO VALLEY

28 CARDINAL COURT - *From the low $1,000,000s.* Exclusive 1-2-story homes. Large homesites. 2,835-3,257 sf. 4 bed/3 to 3.5 ba. 2- 3-car gar, Hwy 580, exit Redwood Rd., west to Proctor Rd. left onto Proctor Rd to Cardinal Ct. For appt & info 510-538-3287

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29 PINE HOLLOW ESTATES - *From the low $1,000,000's.* Coming Fall 2006! 8 single story executive homes on large lots, spacious floor plans, 4-5 bed/3-3.5 ba, 2,980-3,040 sf. For Info Lenox Homes 925-284-0415. lenoxhomes.net. Broker coop welcome.

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30 VALLEY TERRACE - *From the low $300,000s.* Discover exceptional condominium living in close-to-everything Concord. Two to 3 bed, up to 1,337 sf. Enjoy amenities, including pool & rec room. Open daily. Call 925-682-8868 or visit www.Valley-Terrace.com.

32 GRANADA GLEN - *From the upper $700,000's.* 4-5 bed, 7,000 sf cul-de-sac lots, up to 3,604 sf. Near downtown, BART, freeway. Now open weekends 12-5. 1776 Granada Dr. (Willow Pass to Granada Dr.) 925-945-2881.

33 TAPESTRY - *From the mid $600,000's.* 3-4 bed plans, approx. 1,478-2,128 sf w/quality feature inc. Corian kitchen counters, spac. master suites. Models open daily 10-5, Tues. 1-5. I-680/242(/ Rt.@ Meadow/Rt Mayette 925-688-5900. www.denovahomes.com.

33A CONCORDIA - *From the mid $600,000's.* 4 bed/3 ba, 1,911+ sf. Seller CLOSE-OUT - only 4 left! Luxury upgrades, ready to move in. Within 4 blocks of BART/downtown. Open Sat & Sun 1-4 and by appt. 925-683-2125. www.LifeInConcord.com. Alain Pinel Realtors.

CONCORD

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34B CENTRE POINTE – *Upper $500,000s.* Now Open! 8 plans approx. 1,667 to 2,381 sf, 2-4 bed/2.5-3 ba. Walk to BART, close to Hwy 242/680. Open Sat-Thurs 11-5, Fri 2-5. Located at Clayton Rd. & Tha Alameda. www.visit centrepoint.com. 925-363-5882.

COPPEROPOLIS

35 COPPER HILLS - *From the mid $300,000s!* 3-5 bed, single/2-story plans, from 1,587-2,486 sf. Surrounded by rolling Sierra foothills near Tuloch & New Melones Lakes. Pre-sales Fri-Sun, 12-5 (models coming late fall) 209-785-4000 www.denovahomes.com.

DANVILLE

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37 WENDT RANCH - *From the low $1,000,000s.* Single-family homes with unique architectural stylings and a variety of customizing options. Up to 3 bed/5 ba, approx 2,460-4,040 sf. Call 925-648-4052. www.shapell.com. Alamo Creek coming soon.

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38 THE LAKES - *From the mid $500,000s.* 1,870 to 4,109 sf. Five distinct new gated communities highlighted by a 14-acre man-made lake, basketball & volleyball courts, exercise par course & walking trails. Open daily: 1-800-760-LAKE, www.DiscoverTheLakes.com

39A RAVENSWOOD DUETS - *From the mid $400,000s.* Grand Opening. Located in the Delta area on Hwy. 4, Ravenswood Duets offers home designs from 1,674 to 1,810 sf with 3 & 4 bed, 2.5 ba. Open M-F 10-5, Sat/Sun 10-6. 925-516-6548. www.drhorton.com.

39B RAVENSWOOD PLACE - *From the mid $600,000s.* Grand Opening. Discover a water-oriented lifestyle. 1- and 2-story home designs ranging from 2,184 to 2,970 sf with 4 to 6 bed/up to 3 ba. Open M-F 10-5, Sat/Sun 10-6. 925-516-6548. www.drhorton.com.

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41A SORRENTO AT DUBLIN RANCH - *From the low $600,000s.* Elegant condominiums, townhomes and detached homes with up to 2,981 sf. Nearby shopping center, open parks and easy access to BART Open 11-6 daily. 888-268-2949. Toll Brothers.

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42B WILLOWS AT SAN RAMON VILLAGE - *From the high $500,000's.* Townhouse-style homes up to 1,701 sf near the I-680/I-580. Up to 4 bed, 2.5 ba. Open Tue-Sun 10-5, Mon 1-5. Call 925-829-2206 or www.willowssales@braddockandlogan.com.

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43 PEBBLE CREEK - *From the high $200,000's.* Preview Opening! Beautiful town home style condos. 1- 2- & 3-bed include stunning modern amenities both inside & out. Accessible from every Bay Area location. 510-222-5502 or visit ElSobrantoCondos.com.

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45 ANDALUCIA - *From the upper $700,000s.* Marbella features 4 plans approx. 2,205-3,818 sf, up to 5 bed/3 ba. Saville features 4 plans, approx. 2,796-3,940 sf, up to 7 bed/5 ba. Located in Rancho Solano. Open Sat-Thurs., 11-5; Fri. 2-5. www.live-andalucia.com.

46 ARIA - *From the $900,000s.* Final sales release. Rediscover artistic approach to homebuilding w/60 custom-quality homes that offer up to 7 bed, 2,900 to 3,585 sf, and views of the surrounding natural beauty. 707-864-1585, www.citationnorthern.com.

47 EASTRIDGE HILLS - *From the mid $1,000,000s.* Builder Close Out! Ask about special allowances! 3,375-4,041 w/spectacular views. 3-5bed, to 4.5 ba, designer upgrades throughout. Open daily, 10-6. Call for directions, 707-864-8080. www.HomesByDavidon.

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FREMONT

52 BAYWOOD VILLAS - *From the low $200,000s.* New Phase! Luxury attached homes with studio, 1- and 2-bed designs. Pool, spa, fitness center & clubhouse. Open daily 10:30-5:30. 3190 Red Cedar Terrace. 510-790-7011. www.baywood-villas.com.

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OAKLEY

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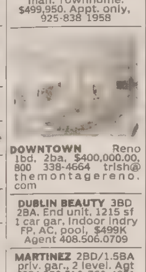
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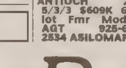
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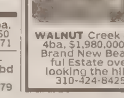
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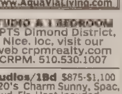
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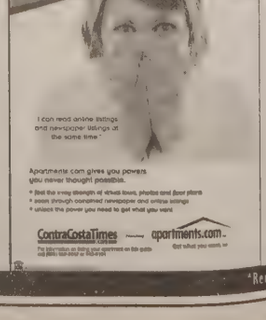
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4BD/3BA $1900 View lake, nice nghbrhd avail now 925.285.5363

4BD/3BA + den, AC, avail. now, gd. loc. $2350 + dep 408.393.2463

4BD/3ba, huge yd., nice neighbors $1850. Sec. 8 ok 925-727-6425

5BD/3BA 2 lvls. Great area. Nr. schl. & shops $2200. 925-727-9808.

5BD/3BA Cul-de-sac, W/D, play structure. $2100. 415-725-0224

6BD/3½ BA 3 CAR GARAGE Near schl.& park. $2650 mo+dep. 925-207-4888

ANTIOCH 2436 Cypress. 3bd, 2ba. $1,500.00, gardener. 925-381-6795

For Rent - Antioch 3311 Ashburton $2000 4bd, 3ba, Pool Agt, Jeff 925-757-0900

GENTRYTOWN 3bd. 2ba, $1,750.00, 206-612-5626

HILLCREST Clean 4bd, 2.5ba, $1,950, $2,500 security 2708 Violet Ct. 925-323-2005

CLASSIFIED QUICK & EASY

Bay Point Homes

NEWLY RENOVATED 4BD/1½BA 641 S. Broadway. Sec 8 ok $1550+dep **925.779.9472**

Brentwood Homes

3BD/2BA, nonsmk/sec 8/pets, W/D fridge, $1700. 925-455-8643

4BD/2.5BA New! Clean w/d, grdnr., no pets, no sec 8 $1750 925-679-9811

4BD/3BA, 2 years old 3400 sqft $2200/mo +dep. 925-597-1037

5BD/3BA, New! Sec. 8 ok, 2360 Tamalpais Ave. 925-451-1704

5BD/3 Full Bath, 2 car gar., corner lot. $2400 + dep. 925-219-2222.

BRENTWOOD 3bd, 2.5ba, $1,600.00, 925-516-0967

BRENTWOOD 3bd, 2ba, $1,500.00, 925-200-6198

BRENTWOOD 3bd 2ba $1,500, or 2.5ba $1,600 925-200-6198

DESIGNER HOME, 3BD 2BA, Close to shopping & schools. Nicely landscaped. $1750 925-339-2021

SOMMERSET, 2bd/2ba Senior Gated Commun. $1450. 925-672-6384

STUDIO $775 Incl. utils. Nonsmk. No pets. No sect. 8. 925-455-8643.

SUMMERSET 2bd,2.5ba,$1,450/ mo+dep, gardner Inc 925-516-1971

Clayton Homes

RENT TO OWN 3BD/2.5BA In Clayton up to 100% rent credit. $1,800 925.672.7255

Concord Homes

2BD/1ba $1150/$1250 Many upgrades. 559-593-1623; 559-224-8308

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2BD/2ba, quiet, frplc. AC, Indry, 2 car, BART $1325. 925-685-2542

3BD/1ba 2060 Highland Cozy, cln. New carpet/ pnt. RENTED

3BD/2BA..............$1595 3633 Montreal Circle 925-798-5550 Agt.

3BD/2BA, $1650 + dep. 2085 Carmel Dr. Avail. 10/1 925-371-1149

3BD/2BA 2Car Near Prk New kit/ba, Hrdwd, Lg Yd. $1900. 925-671-9405

3BD/2BA Florida rm. & more Nr. BART & schls $1600. 925-686-5030

3BD Cute. Clean. Frplc. No pet. 3979 Mulberry. $1600. 925-798-9123

3BD frplc., lg. yd., No sec 8/pets. $1495+ 510-435-6778

4BD/2BA...Almost new! Must see to appreciate $1750 925-798-5550agt

4BD/2BA Hrdwd Floors. New tiles. Nr schl/bart. $2200mo. **650-281-6576**

4BD/3BA, 3 car. nr. PH Bart, W/D, refer., pets ?, $2400 925-348-6623

4Bd/3Ba Rent-to-Own WC Bdr. Remodeled pics at HelenLu.com $2600 925-682-4000

6BD/4½BA, view. $200k upgrades, **OPEN Sun.** 1-4, 5279 S. Montecito, Dr $3750. 925-895-3603

CONCORD 3bd/1ba, $1,550, 925-676-7723 lomavistarental@ myspace.com

CROSSINGS 4bd 2½ba, W.C. schl., deck, lg. yd $1960. 510-525-5888

NEWLY remod. 3bd 2ba 1 story. $1825. Move in today! 925-765-2125

Danville Homes

2BD/1BA $1425 GREAT loc Nr dwntwn. No smk/pets. Avail. Oct. 925-820-8935

2BD/2BA $1900 w/gar. Club. Privs w/ pool & tennis 510-645-1196

2BD/2BA: Gar., comm. Pool, Tennis. $1750 925-462-8749/253-0215

Discovery Bay Homes

2BD/2BA +den C.C. home. w/pool & spa $2000. lse 925.286.7873

3BD/3BA + DEN New 2 gar, gated, 2730 sf $1825 925-418-5065

GOLF Course 3-2.5 BB Pool/Spa/View $2075.00 925 207-8515

Dublin Homes

4BD/2½BA 2 story. 2 car gar. Fen. yd., A/C. $1850mo. 925-785-8145

El Sobrante Homes

3BD/2BA 2car gar., new kit. hdwd. flrs., huge yard, with dog run, safe, nr. schools, $1795 510-815-0010

3BD/2BA new pnt, 2 car, no sec 8/smk frplc $1695 510-521-7057

4BD/2½BA, 2 story, fam. rm., yard, gar., $2150. 650-557-1168

El Sobrante Homes

4BD/2½BA, spa, deck, pet area, 2200sf, frpl, gar $2.2k 510.508.0004

BRAND NEW HOUSE 4BD/3BA w/ Opt. to Purchase. $2200. 510-223-0971; 510-289-5242

RENT TO OWN Live in 1bd 1ba while 3bd 1ba pays the mortgage, or rent to own whole house for $1795/ mo. 510-978-0961

Fairfield Homes

BRAND New Home 3BD/2.5BA, new appliances 707-816-0203

Hercules Homes

3BD/2½BA, 2 car gar, quiet bkyd, Avail 10/1 $1750/mo 510.685.5883

3BD/2½BA New cpt., $1800mo+ $1800dep. 510-334-3056

4BD/2BA nr. shopping No pets / No sect 8 $1800. 510-223-3526

★BRAND NEW HOME★ 4BD/3½BA, no pets $2,300. 415-830-0580.

Isleton Homes

HOUSE/STORE, 3bd 2ba, 37 Main St. $1850. Lisa 510-703-7222

Lafayette Homes

4BD/2½BA view of hills /Glf crse jacuzzi $3200 925-255-3174; 943-3046

Livermore Homes

3BD/1.5BA Clean, new pnt, AC, patio, frplc. $1650 925-918-1059

3BD/2BA Remod 1400 sf. schls No pet $1750. avail.10/1 925.216.1500

LOVLEY 3bd/2ba new cpt./paint. Frplc, A/C $1650 925-736-4657

SPRINGTOWN $1775 4bd 2ba Mountain view, gardner included 866-723-5742

Martinez Homes

2BD/1BA VIEW $1495+dep. 415-728-3369

3BD/2BA: 2 car gar. No pets/nonsmk. ref. req. Beaut bkyd. 2413 Pine St. $1750. 925-812-0834

3BD/2BA Nr. Dwntwn. New cpt/pnt/tile $1900 +Dep. 530-272-8496

4BD/2.5BA, lg. new hm. walk to park & schl $2300. 925-577-7721

Martinez Homes

RESIDENTIAL cul de sac, lots of trees 3bd, 1ba, $1,500/mo, 510-917-8648

Oakley Homes

3BD/2½ba, $1500 frplc., yd, 2 car gar, commun pool. 650-218-3879

3BD/2BA bk. yd., newer cpt., nr. schl/shop. no pets, non smk., sect. 8 OK $1600. 925-779-1125

3BD/2BA, complt renov 1380 Port Ct. $1600+ dep. Call 925-625-0336.

3BD/2BA + Den. non smkng. Indscaper incl $1900 925-584-6874

3BD/2BA Fam. & liv. rms. Lg lot, Gar., RV Prkg. Pet ok. Cred chk $1600mo. 925-997-8421

3BD/2BA w/Carport. No smoking/No pets. $1300mo. 925-625-5775

4BD/2BA New paint/ cpt. Nice indsp. quiet nbhrd. Sec. 8 Ok. $1595. 510-490-8379

BRAND New exec. style 4bd+/2½ba nopet/sec 8. $2500. 925.207.9162

Piedmont Homes

4BD/2BA+Den., walk to schl lg. yd. avail. 10/1. $3,150 415-812-9788

Pinole Homes

2BD, liv. rm., lndry. hookup, refrig , quiet $1150. 707-829-9…

4BD/2BA, avail., exec. style, split lvl., $2500+ dep. 510-758-4098.

4BD/2½ba, less than 3 yrs. old, granite top kit. $2200 510-222-8101

Pittsburg Homes

2 LARGE bd 1ba, A/C, by Marks Blvd., no pet $1095. **925-736-4600**

3BD/2BA Beaut. house. Nice area. $1600. Quiet nbrhd. 707-447-9795

3BD/2ba, new paint In/out $1600. Call 8am-9pm 925.458.4188

3BD/2ba w/pool, $1600/mo. or option to buy. 925-963-9600

4BD/2ba, clean, low dep. 210 West Leland $1390. 510-841-4228

HIGHWAY 4 Blues? 2BD/1BA, Railroad/ Buchanan Area. $1175 Gar., fenced yd. No sec 8, 530-474-1462

PITTSBURG 4bd/2ba just remod. nr schl/ pk/shop. $1,750 + dep. 925-285-9938

Pittsburg Homes

PITTSBURG 4bd/ 2ba.Yard.w/d hook-up. $1350+sec.dep. 707-310-0987

Pleasant Hill Homes

3BD/2½ba, Hidden Lakes, 2 car gar., 240 Willow Lake Ct. Mtz. $1895. 925-216-9904

4BD/2BA newly decor. Grt. bkyd. No pet/smk $2000. 1st & last+ dep 925-935-8877; 766-8200

Pleasanton Homes

3BD/2½BA, 2 stry, exec style, AC, deluxe throughout. $2375 925 462 1083; 699-9788

3BD/2½BA Sharp, Nr. Foothill HS $2000+ dep 925-846-8502; 200-3474

3BD/2BA Vintage Hills incl. applis., grdner., No Pets. Avail. Immed. $2200mo+ $2500 dep. 925-989-4876

LARGE 2BD/1.5BA. 565 Tawny Dr. Newly Refurbished. Avail 9/1. $1,550. 415-559-8485

Richmond Homes

2BD/1BA nice, 2 story, yard, $1300; **3BD/2BA,** lg. gar. New paint/cpt. $1700. 510-932-4999

2BD/1BA remod. 2 car garage. $1200+$1000 dep. 510-222-7437

3BD/1BA 1 Car gar., bkyd. Remod. kit. ba. $1450 510-232-1633

3BD/1BA Avail. now. 405 S 15th St. $1300. Sec. 8 OK 707-373-6218

3BD/1½ba, gar., fresh paint, dual pane windows, new heater, nr Bart $1500+$1500 dep. 3817 Florida Ave 510-234-7002; 375-3405

3BD/1ba, Richmond Annex, cent. heat, lg. yd. $1300 707.330.7559

3BD/2BA $1300. Bkyd. Sec. 8 ok Garb. Pd. 510-517-3657

3BD/2ba, carport/gar., lg. liv. rm., W/D hook-up $1575. 510-233-9528

4BD/2BA 2 gar, new hdwd, dshwshr, w/d, 363 Beck Ave. Sec 8 ok $2000 510-287-2674

4BD/2BA, garage, large backyard. $2000 + sec. dep. 209-754-5751

LOVELY HOME 5BD/2½BA. Avail. now $2375mo+$2375 dep. negot. Sec. 8 ok. Pets ok. 510-882-8818

Rodeo Homes

VIEWPOINT 4BD/2BA 2 Car gar. frig. $2150 +dep. 925-308-7291

San Pablo Homes

1BD COTTAGE w/pvt drive-way. $925- utils incl. No pets, no sec. 8. Sec. dep. required. Call 510-334-2887

3BD/1BA Total remod. In&out. View off deck of both Bridges. $1500 English 510-261-2000

3BD/2ba, totally remod nice front & bkyd., nr. elem. schl. & college $1200. 510-741-1170

HILLTOP 5bd/3ba $2300 golf neibrhd. new,spacious,incentives 415-…

NICE 2BD/1BA. 1 Car Gar. Big Bk Yard. New Paint. Hrdwd Flrs. All Appls. $1500 +$1K dep. No Sec 8. 707-372-4513

SPACIOUS 3BD/2BA Avail. now $1750+ dep. 510-928-2127

San Ramon Homes

3BD/2BA w/loft 1877 sf Twnhm 2 gar, views, w/d $2.4k 925-351-6948

4BD/3BA, avail. 11/1. Windemere. Gardnr. $3000. 925-240-1911

5BD/3BA + office lg. yard. Bridges Comm. $3699. 925-336-1913

REMODELED 4bd/ 2½ba. New kit. & bath. $2500mo+ $2000dep. 925-525-3407; 833-0900

Vallejo Homes

2BD, enclsd yd., w/d hk up, gar, 814 Benicia Rd. $1170 707-554-4794

COLUMBUS Pkwy. 3bd, 2ba, $1,750.00, 415-531-5512

RENT to own opt., 4bd 2ba, cmpltly. upgraded $1800. 925-408-7647

Walnut Creek Homes

2+Bd/1Ba Remod. Cov Prk. Warren Ln. $1,500 mo. Chris 925-824-2888

3BD/2BA, darling Eichler hm. 1 yr. lse. $2400Agt 925-360-9318

WALNUT Creek 3bd/ 1ba,$2,050,near downtown, available 10/1 925-933-4600

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Alameda

…5 OLEANDER AVE Sat., 8am to 3pm Hot tub, books, …, furn., new kid's outer wear & lots more

COMMUNITY YARD SALE Sat, Sept 30, 8-… Kitty … Rd. (off Shoreline) …d. items, furn. … baby & kid stuff, tools, & lots more!

GARAGE SALE …28 +3232 Encinal Saturday, 9am - 3pm O&M Stove, 50s Kenmore washer, Baby Stuff, Clothing, Women's shoes, Kitch… Stuff and More!

HUGE GARAGE SALE …36 TAYLOR AVE 9/30. Sat only 9am-1pm. Vintage and new, records, furn., books, tv, household, misc., vintage clothing, new cloths too

LARGE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE 773 Buena Vista Ave (off Constitution) Sun 10/1, 1-4

MULTI-FAMILY SALE Sat 9-… 1529 Mozart Love seat, daybed, coffee table, oilday misc., mens/womens clothing, books, plants and more

MULTI-FAMILY SALE Sat 9-3 Sun 9-1 … Grove & Encinal …ys, sport equip, luggage, clothing books and much more.

SAMPLE SALE …is the one you have been waiting for. NEW PET SUPPLIES … Shop now for Xmas Sat 10-2 … Fernside @ Fairview

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9/30 & 10/1, … to 6 **2170 Encinal** BOOK SALE 40% off Everything

YARD SALE Sat 9/30-12 1719 San Antonio Household and other Fabulous items

YARD SALE …, Sun 9/3 10/1 8-4 …1515 Regent St …r Encinal & Regent Tools and misc. household items in good condition

Alamo

ALAMO Moving sale-33 year of stuff: Furniture-clothes-cars books-other. Saturday Sept 30th - 9AM … 166 Mountain Canyon Lane 925-352-6000

ANTIQUE, furniture, tools, hunting, fishing, molding, windows, lots of neat stuff! **Sat 9/30, 8-3** 16 Oak Rd (off … Smith Rd)

Antioch

GARAGE SALE 147 Livorna Rd. Sa 8-12pm.

…ESTATE SALE …2900 Danville Blvd. SAT 9-3 SUN 8-2. Furn., dressers, book cases desks, chairs & much much more everything must go! No early birds.

… Wagon Wheel Wy. Fri Sat Sun. 9-? Bookcases, small candy vending machines, baby; clothes, crib, strollers, more artwork etc.

Antioch

ANTIOCH Sat. 9/23 8:30-2 2409 Covelite Way -All goes! Deer Valley to Bluerock to Covelite Girls wht bdrm set, toys,bike,lawnmower,& more.

Fri-Sat 9/29-9/30, 8-3 **301 West 9th St** (off D St) Collectibles, Coca Cola, Avon, sports items, Xmas decor, hshld. items, & much more!

GARAGE SALE **SAT 9/30 8am to 1pm** **3501 Patriot Ct.** Everything must go! Lots of misc. items!

HUGE PATIO SALE **Sat 8-2 1615 D St** furniture, kitchen, electronics, toys, appliances, crafts, Avon, free clothes lots of items A to Z

LARGE YARD SALE **2801 Windsor Drive** Saturday Only 8am-?? Furniture, tools, etc.

MULTI FAMILY SALE **212 Matsqui Rd.** **(Off Longview Rd.)** Sat., 8am to noon Everything must Go!

Berkeley

2 YARD SALES **Sat 9/30 10-3** **1600 blk Delaware St.** NO EARLY BIRDS! Furniture, rugs, curtains, kids clothes, toys, Espana Dinnerware, Books & SO MUCH MORE

ESTATE SALE 505 Colusa Ave **Sat., 10-3 /Sun., 10-?.** Sterling Silver, Lots of Furn, Napkin Ring Collection, Lladros, Antique music box, jewelry, glassware, china , pictures, old paper and lots more!

LARGE MOVING SALE 1283 Monterey Ave (Nr Monterey Market) Sat/Sun. 10AM-3PM Furniture & collectibles, years of accumulation!!! All Must Go!

• ESTATE SALE • Sat./Sun. 9-3pm 620 Cragmont Ave Various Styles (Vict. to mid-cent.) sofas, loveseats, chairs, lamps, dressers, tbls, (some marbletop) rugs, piano, world war 2 collection, cameras, china, colored glassware, figurines, scientific instruments, DR buffett, china cabs, tea cart, bookcases, vintage toys & more. Sisters

Brentwood

BRENTWOOD Delta Blue Star Moms Yard Sale Fundraiser 4 troops. Many items 2 buy. Donations welcome. Sat Sept 30 8am-2pm 714 Autumn Dr 925-997-1299

BRENTWOOD MULTI-FAMILY SALE Chamomile Lane (west) and Windhaven Ct. (Minnesota to Chamomile) Sat. 7-1. Too much to list!! 925-516-4652

BRENTWOOD MULTI-FAMILY SALE. INFANT & CHILDREN'S CLOTHES, TOYS & ITEMS. HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN ITEMS. HUGE. SAT. 8-1PM 1611 DAWNVIEW DR.

FRI-SAT 9/29-9/30, 8-2 **12 Shawne Place** (off Valley Green) Ride on lawnmower, push mowers, lots of garden equip., fold-up boat, clothes - all szs., kids toys, games, bikes & much more!

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Brentwood

FUNDRAISER FOR 3-DAY BREAST CANCER WALK Sat. 9/30, 7am-1pm 4645 Nunn St. off Carnegie/ Hudson Toys, clothes, furniture & lots more.

GARAGE SALE ROSE GARDENS 2819 Pristine Way Sat. Only! 9-2pm

MOVING SALE 315 OUTRIGGER CIR SAT. ONLY! 8-3PM Dinette set., china cab, entrnmnt. center,& tbls., rtc

Clayton

307 DIABLO CREEK CT. Sat. Only! 8am-1pm Collectibles, holiday Items, TV stand, antique desk, rolltop desk, YZ 80 & Moto X gear, & MORE!

MOVING SALE 503 Raven Place Sat., 11am to 2pm Sofa, kit. set, din. set, bdrm furn., & other hshld items http..//presentationla b .com/movingsale.pds

Concord

1276 & 1281 CHELSEA WAY. SATURDAY 9/30, 9am to 4pm Rolltop desk, bookcase, furniture, craft supplies, bedding, knick knacks, and stuffed animals.

1687 THORNWOOD Dr. Fri. & Sat. 7am to noon Household items & Furniture

1828 BALDWIN CT. Sat. 8-Noon Misc Hshld items, and Furniture.

3290 CLAUDIA Dr. (Off Olivera N. 6th) Sat., 8am to 4pm Antiques, art, bdrm furn., pwr/old hand tools, sew. mach., BBQ's, clocks, dishes, VHS's, ladder & more

3498 Viola Place Sat. 8:30-5pm Queen sz. oak bdrm. set, 9 drawer dresser/ mirror/armoire, lounge/chair patio cushions + matching umbrella in Navy, gas lawn mower, lamps, glassware, books & more

3828 BEECHWOOD DR. (off Landana) Fri, 9/29 Sat 9/30 & Sun 10/1, 9-4pm. 3 Fam. sale. Some of everything. Clothes, some furn, & carpentry tools, golf clubs/bag. Cash Only!

3844 BAYVIEW CIRCLE Sat. only, 7am-12pm Baby items, knick knacks, craft notions, china hutch, oven proof china, exer. equip, bookcases & MUCH MORE!

5316 LIGHTWOOD Dr. Sat. & Sun., 8am to ? Household items, furniture & lots more!

CONCORD 1596 Nuala St. SATURDAY Sept. 30th 8-2 (David to Dartmouth to Nuala) Baby & girls stuff, furniture,kitchen stuff, tons more! New stuff for $1.00!

CONCORD GarageSale3619Doloresway,off Granada Dr. sat 9/30-sun.10/01,8:30-2pm,furn.,girls stuff a little bit of everything.no early birds

CONCORD HAPPY HALLOWEEN! SCREAMIN' PARTY PROPS. + XMAS + MISC. 9/29 - 10/1 8:30 - 12:00. EARLY BIRDS PAY DOUBLE! 1603 BRENDA CT. 94521

Concord

CONCORD Sept 30th 8am-3pm & Oct 1st 9am-3pm. Mens, womens & childrens clothing, shoes & coats; hand-made knitted slippers and scarves; books; videos; kitchenware; electronics & more!

CONCORD Tools, baby items, clothes, cameras, pinball machine, Satellite TV system. 8am to 2pm Sat. 30th. 4823 Beckham Ct. 925-…-6118

EVANS LANDING MULTI FAMILIES GARAGE SALE WEST ST., 4003 DENVER ST., LINDBERGH DR. EARHEART DR. SAT. SEPT 30, 8-2 PM

MULTI FAMILY RUMMAGE SALE 4300 Kingswood Dr. (off Treat Blvd.) **Sat. only! 9-1pm Clothes, Clothes clothes, baby items, toys & Hshold items**

MULTI FAMILY SALE 1901 Camino Estrada 1898 Camino Estrada Fri & Sat, 8am-4:30 Antique collectibles, hshld items, garden tools, clothes, books, CD's, dinette set

NEIGHBORHOOD SALE! SUNDAY 10/1 9-3pm Household, clothing, furn. applic. and more Starts @ 3671 Sanford St. @ Ranchito off Pt. Chicago Hwy. or Olivera, follow signs!

YARD SALE 1685 ROSELAND DR SUNDAY 8am-12pm women's 12-16 cheap! Needle points kits, bed spreads, misc, lamps, ets

YARD SALE 3278 MEADOWBROOK (off North 6th) Sat. 8-2pm Sun.9-12pm Oak desk, patio, file cab., turntable, speakers & more

Danville

1536 St. Helena Dr. (Across from Greenbrook School), Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9-5, Hshld. items, samples, cookware, door mats, hose & hose reels & much more

COLLECTOR Clean Out Saturday (9/30), 9-3 1509 Harlan Dr. New & old items, books, kid's items, bikes, clothes, treadmill, computer chair, & miscellaneous.

COMMUNITY GARAGE AND ESTATE SALE 120 Shoshone Ct., 2168 Oneida Cir, 220 Alicante Place. Furn, sporting goods, dishes, tools, toys & more. **Sat. 8-2**

ESTATE SALE 650 Dunhill Dr. Sat. & Sun., 9 to 1pm Don't miss this. Nice furn., orig. carvings & art from Asia, ceramics, electronics, antique slot machine, bike, TV's, etc. Limited edition Disney numbered Big Figures ($60 ea.), No junk. Bring your truck. No earlies. Cash Only.

GARAGE SALE 401 TRIOMPHE CT SAT. ONLY! 9-2PM Exercise equip, books, lawnmower, kid's stuff, clothes, Quad, car seats, bikes & much, much more

MULTI FAMILY SALE Saturday 9/30, 8-2pm 408 Saint Francis Dr. Vintage oak table, dining set, old dolls, Barbies & Snoopy collectibles. Linen, & lots more stuff

SAT 8AM-1PM **337 & 332 Paraiso Dr** Antique furniture, curios, dishes, lots of Xmas items, jewelry, hshld. items, clothes & electronic stuff!

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Discovery Bay

MOVE-IN SALE 2238 CAMBRIDGE Dr. (By Timber Point School/Newport Blvd) Sat., 7am to 2pm Various items from kid's to household & truck parts

Dublin

HUGE GARAGE SALE ★★★★★ Lots of donated items supporting a fundraiser. Sat. 9/30, 7am-4pm 6597 Hemlock St.

El Cerrito

Huge Multi Home Yard Sale 1506 Lexington Ave. Sat./Sun. 9-5pm Near Potrero Furn. Clothes, books, videos, cds, jewelry, & many unique trinkets

El Sobrante

EL Sobrante GARAGE SALE Sat. 9/30.8am ?,early birds welcomed..many items, TV's,tools,camping items,no reasonable offer refused...938 Mitchell Way

HUGE SALE AT Midway Muffler **4739 Appian Way** (corner of Appian & Pebbles) **Sat 9/30, 8am-3pm** Jewelry, tools, designer clothes, furn., bed

Knightsen

BARN SALE 2050 Tule Lane Sat., 9am to 4pm Couch set, Victorian Rope Couch, computer desk, old Buick & Packard parts, knick-knacks, dishes, etc...

Lafayette

3332 Mildred Lane Fri. 9-2pm, Sat. 8-2pm Farmhouse table, 6 chrs, Misc. Furn., stove, microwave, metal bunk bed, lamps, curtains, Toys 925-283-2465

3615 BICKERSTAFF ST. (Behind Diablo Foods) Sat. & Sun., 9 to 4 No early birds, please Dinette table, computer desk. Decorate your home & more

GARAGE/Estate Sale SAT 9/30 8am to 4pm 1600 Springbrook Rd. Furn., houseware, glassware, collectibles, too many items to list!

LAFAYETTE Multiple Family Garage Sale 1673 Springbrook Rd. Fri 9/29 and Sat 9/30 8-4 NO EARLY BIRDS, Furniture, clothing, appliances, exercise equip, art supplies & more

MOTHER'S CLOSET 3777 Sundale Rd, #3 Sat., 9am to 4pm Neat stuff. Jewelry, decorative items, furn., sm. appliances, Asian antiques for serious buyers

Livermore

HUGE YARD SALE Sat. 8-12pm 302 Olivina Ave. Books, some furn., misc hshld items. A little bit of everything!

LIVERMORE Garage Sale-Saturday, 9/30, 8-3,818 Catalina @ Niagra. Multi-family

Livermore

PRINCESS HOUSE OPEN HOUSE 690 COLUSA WAY. Fri. 9/29 4pm-8pm Sat. 9/30. 10am-8pm New products and some one of a kind collectibles at discount prices.

Martinez

15 Corte Lado Fri. 8-4 Sat. 8-4 1940's table/buffett cabinet, plumbing things, 2 5050 windows, mirror doors, nice dishes, and misc collectibles

GARAGE SALE SAT. ONLY! 9-2:00 pm 596 CENTER AVE Halloween decorations & misc. items.

GIANT RUMMAGE SALE Fri. & Sat. 9am-3pm **Grace Episcopal Church** 130 Muir Station Rd. Bargains galore & plenty of parking

SAT 9/30 & SUN 10/1 9am to 5pm 3113 PINE ST. Filing cabinet w/safe, assortment of craft items, Beanie Babies, crochet dolls, & talking hamsters.

SATURDAY 9-4pm 104 St. Nazaire Ct. (Brittany Hills) Furn., clothes, Wt. bench, crib, kid's items, bikes, toys, Comp/electronics, Books, Mower & More

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9-5pm 532 Palm Ave. 24" Rock saw, stained glass material & tools, 6 sew mach., many elec tools, wheelchair, microscope & etc.

YARD SALES Sat-Sun 9/30-10/1, 9-4 914 Brown St Hshld. items, kids stuff, art, tools, building supplies, etc. **Sunday Super Dollar Day**

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ESTATE SALE House & Garden items. Cash & Carry. 4727 Linda Vista Sat., Only, 9 to 1 Vintage & Antique furnishings, rugs, lamps, linens, French furn., drapes, refrigerators, W/D, Snooker tbl., Scandanavian ofc. furn., lots of tools & electronics, Bric-A-Brac, etc...

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MOVING SALE Great items Some new **Sat 9/30, 9-? 6449 Westover Dr** (above Montclair in Oakland Hills off Shepard Canyon Rd)

MULTI-TENANT YARD SALE Sat 9/30 9-3 626 El Dorado Ave Electronics, games, kitchenware, books, CD's, furniture & much more.

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OAKLAND Garage Sale, 2 Private Roads, 12 homes, Hillcrest Estates, Sat., September 30, 8am-3pm, Weaver Pl, off Skyline Blvd, Oakland Hills

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MOVING SALE **5015 Kelsey Lane Sat. 8-3pm Desk set, Lthr Chair, silk plants, Misc.**

BIG YARD SALE 1433 Main Street (Hwy 4) Between Neroly & Live Oak Fri, Sat, Sun, 9/29 to 10/1 Furniture, ofc. equip., household goods, kitchen items, sporting goods, exercise equip., rugs, pictures, wood fencing material, antique auto parts, new pick up tires, 454 Chevy engine (low miles). Much More. 925-625-4902

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HUGE GARAGE SALE **1740 PORT WAY (Off Burgundy)** FRI & SAT. 8-3PM 50's & 60's vintage glassware, oak entrtnmnt. & more

HUGE YARD SALE Many, many items. FRI 9/29 & SAT 9/30 8am to 3pm 150 Neroly Rd. (Off Highway 4, opposite Delta Rd.)

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MULTI FAMILY SALE **Sat./Sun. 8-4pm 75 DEERPARK CT. Couches, clothes, Furn & More**

MULTI FAMILY SALE SATURDAY 8am-? 18 Oregano Ct. Trundle day bed, comforter set, clothes (jr. sz. like new), toys, hsehold. misc. Lots more!

OAKLEY Garage Sale. Kids clothing, toys, Windsurfers, computer equip, servers, rack, etc. 404 Dobson St Oakley (Hwy 4 and Malicoat). Sat 9/30 8-12pm 925-625-8622

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SAT. 9-2 **1522 Coventry Dr** Treadmill, bicycle, car stereo equip., cell phones, and misc. items

★★★★★★★★★★★★★ **SAT 9/30 9am to 1pm** **41 Courtland Ct.** **Lots of stuff!!!** ★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Orinda

75 ZANDER DR (So. of hwy 24, off Rheem Bl) Furn., hand tools, baby cribs, bd frames, bunkbeds, baskets, pics, computer items, teddy bears, free stuff etc. Sat. 9/30, 9-1pm

ORINDA Huge multi-family garage sale! Indoor/outdoor furniture, kid stuff, computer/TV/stereo equipment, more! Sat. 9/30, 9-3. 33 Daryl Drive @ Glorietta

Piedmont

PIEDMONT ESTATE SALE Sat & Sun: 9-3pm Furn., crystal & silver Asian art, Imari & Antique furn., plants / grdn. items & Treasures from around the world! **109 Calvert Ct.**

Pinole

FRI-SAT 9/29-9/30, 8-1 No Early Birds **2521 Simas Ave** (off Pinole ValleyRd) Variety of items + office desk w/ organizer, office supplies, & decorative pictures.

Pittsburg

HUGE YARD SALE Sponsored by church **youth group Sat 9/30, 8-4 605 Lomitas Pl** Xmas items, clothes, books, childrens stuff, videos, collectibles

LAST WEEKEND 1854 Heatherwood Dr. Thru/Fri/Sat/Sun 9-4 Nordic Trak, H.D. Dollys, yd. tools, golf clubs, kitchen ware, clothes, records 78's,33's & 45's

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HUGE SALE **Friday/Sat. 9am-2pm** 10,000 sq ft of recovered storage items. Antiques, trunks, dolls, furniture, collectibles. 210 Golf Club Rd, next to Safeway.

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PLEASANT HILL GARAGE SALE 9/29 & 9/30 9AM-1PM 1884 HELEN RD PLEASANT HILL

YARD SALE 167 MAXINE DR Saturday Only! 8-2pm Halloween & Xmas decor, toys, shoes-sz.9. Costume jewelry, etc.

Pleasanton

ESTATE SALE ★★★★★ 493 St. John St. ★★★★★ Saturday, 9/30 ★★★★★ 9am-3pm

GARAGE SALE 3413 BEECHAM CT SAT. ONLY! 8-1PM Hshld. items, men's & women's, clothing, furn. & much more!

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SATURDAY 9/30 **9am to 2pm** **7633 Chestnut Way** Furniture, art, clothes, and home decor.

Richmond

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Rodeo

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MULTI-FAMILY SALE 535 Napa Avenue Sat., 9/30, 9am to 6pm Clothes, tools, toys, Cassette Tapes, stereo, radios, lg. speakers, hardware, furn. & lots of misc. items

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San Ramon

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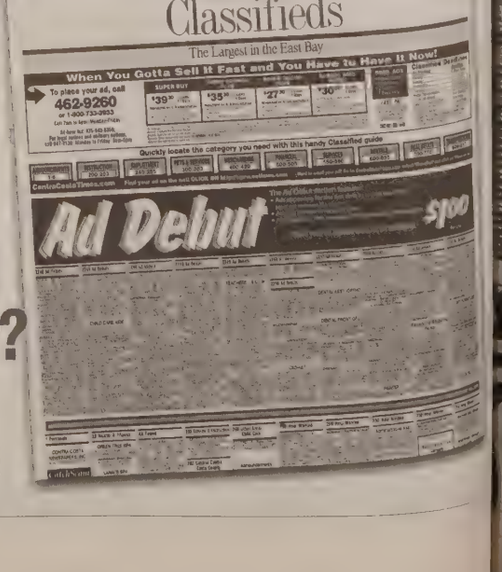
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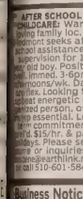
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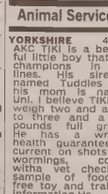
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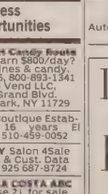
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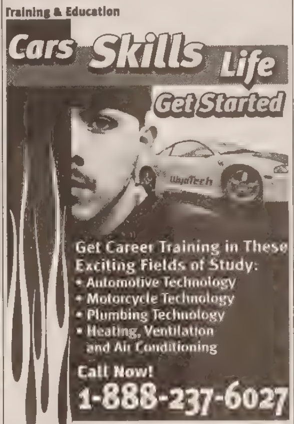
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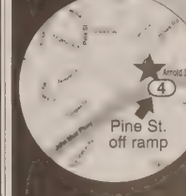


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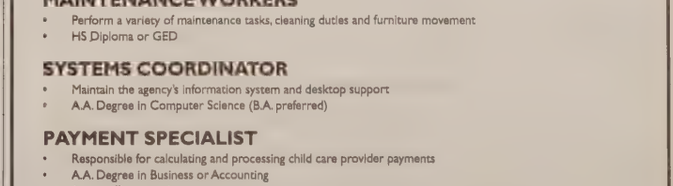
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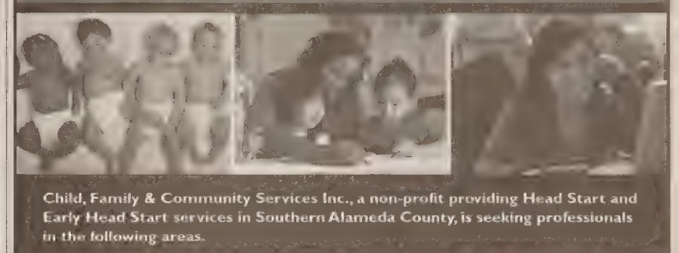
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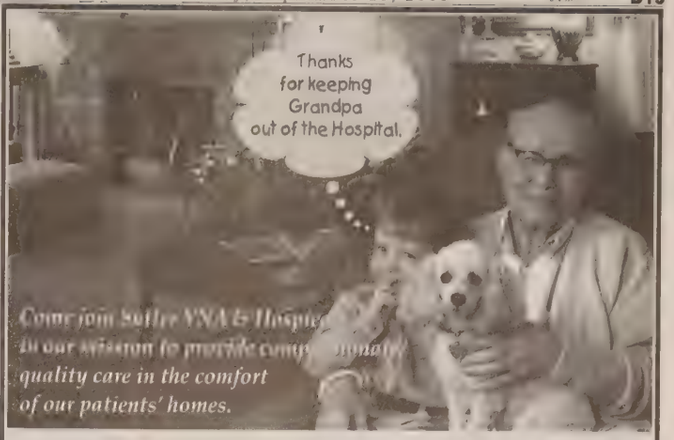
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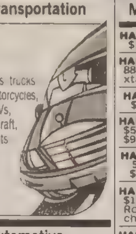
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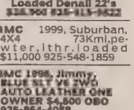
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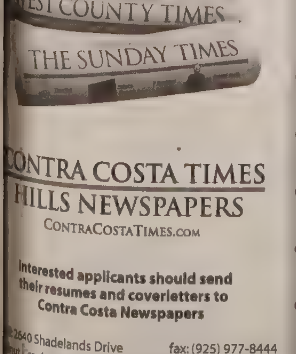
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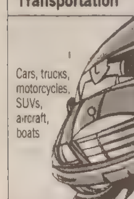
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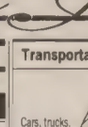
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Apart from a few American standards like oak, ash, and cherry, most varieties of hardwood flooring are imported from somewhere, especially Asia and South America. Most of this importing by far is done by the industry's biggest players, and the reason is not hard to find: Importing hardwood is an expensive undertaking, involving, among many other things, international shipping on a massive scale.

Because hundreds of containers on dozens of ships sailing halfway around the world represent a significant investment, these importers want to be fairly sure that someone is going to buy their commodity after it has landed — more accurately, they want to be very sure that a great many someones are going to buy it. This economy of scale leads to two immutable rules: only import what you can sell a lot of, and therefore, only what you can buy a lot of.

These rules, of course, include many familiar species of hardwood, but you might be surprised at what they exclude. The world is full of hardwoods as different from oak or ash as Hamburger Helper is different from prime rib. But because they are not farmed on a large scale, they fail to conform to the global importers' golden rules, which means they remain relatively unknown to the end market. You never hear of them, much less see them — and there are many that are emphatically worth seeing.

For instance, the hypnotically intricate grain patterns of wild burled walnut from Indonesia, the unique nutmeg color of Malaysian cumaru, pynkado's gorgeous tiger-striping, the iridescence of Burmese mahogany, or the stunning color of crimson rosewood — these are just a few of the most beautiful hardwoods you've never seen.

Many of these woods are not only aesthetic departures from the everyday, they are also superior from more utilitarian standpoints. Cumaru, for example, belongs to a group of species known as ironwoods, and is one of the hardest woods on the planet.

Hardwood floors in general are enjoying a surge in popularity among homeowners. Durability, relative ease of maintenance and of course natural beauty are some of the reasons, but there is also the not-so-well-known fact that hardwood is the only floor-covering that actually increases the value of your home.

Once installed, hardwood floors are considered to be an integral part of the structure rather than a removable furnishing like rugs or carpeting, and (unlike any furnishing) they appreciate in value — often at a rate faster than the house itself. Given these good reasons why hardwood is riding a new wave of popularity, it would seem natural to expect an ever-expanding range of choices at the retail level. That, after all, is the way a supply and demand economy is supposed to work. But, as we have already seen, the large-scale importers' rules of operation actually have the effect of limiting rather than expanding the choice of hardwood species you will find in the average retailer's showroom. And given the other, often superior, choices that are out there — well, it seems a shame, doesn't it?

Here is where the small-scale importer, like Mighty Mouse, arrives to save the day. Unlike the huge mass-market brands, the small direct importer can afford to seek out and buy hardwoods which are harvested in low volume – lots that are measured in numbers of pallets rather than shiploads of giant containers – and because they have not invested what amounts to a small country's GNP, they can afford to test these small lots at the retail level, offering unique products like odum, pynkado, or cumaru to a market that has come to expect only the same old oak or ash. In other words, they can afford to take chances on the unusual and the exotic — a concept which is anathema to the big guys. This ultimately results in an expansion of your choices, but it has another, equally happy effect: The key word in "small direct importer" is direct.

Because the mass marketers avoid the small-scale harvests, the small importer has no choice but to buy directly from the growers. This means no middleman taking a fat markup between the source and the end market — which is you. This in turn means that some of the world's most beautiful and practical hardwoods — even though they may be found nowhere else at all — are actually available at prices lower than the common floors available everywhere.

And that is how, in the world of imported hardwood flooring, less can end up being more.

So how do you find these small-scale direct importers? The Floor Store fits the small-scale importer description exactly. Their six Bay Area locations make them just small enough to try the unusual and exotic in their stores and, at the same time, big enough to travel the world to find them. Even at the small scale, it's still an expensive undertaking.

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How to select the best carpeting for your home

BY JOYCE JACKSON

The variety of styles, colors and textures available today makes it easier than ever to choose the perfect carpet for your home. Carpeting is a major purchase so it is important to understand the basic elements of construction and style to determine the best choice for your needs. Higher durability and density ratings mean enhanced comfort and better performance.

Manufacturers have made important improvements in carpeting construction, which makes the carpeting you buy today more stain resistant, odor resistant and long wearing than what you may have bought in the past.

The tightness of the yarn twist and the height of the nap are the two major factors that determine how well a carpet will perform over time. A tight yarn twist combined with a shorter nap will help ensure that your carpet is crush and mat resistant. Carpet that has more stitches per inch will also perform better. Higher quality padding can also extend the life of your carpeting.

Think about which areas of your home are high and low traffic and make a list of things that could affect carpet wear and tear such as pets, children, exposure to sunlight, proximity to outdoors, etc. Certain types of carpet, such as saxony, work better in dining rooms or living rooms. Saxony has a smooth, soft cut pile surface and is available in a wide range of colors to fit with any decorating scheme. Velvets have a fine, tip-sheared surface and are better suited for an elegant master bedroom or a formal living room. Textured carpets are constructed with twisted yarn tufts. They don't show footprints, are highly stain resistant, and easily adapt to high traffic areas or casual room settings.

Rather than choosing one color for the entire home, some people are using a variety of carpet styles, textures and colors in different rooms. Modern decorating styles are inspiring people to become more daring in their choice of carpet colors. Darker hues like navy, chocolate, burgundy and jewel tones are catching up to neutrals in popularity. Geometric patterns are also making a comeback.

Light colors can make small rooms appear larger while dark colors work well in living rooms with high ceilings or large master bedrooms. Neutral tones and textured styles in earth tones are usually the best choices for minimizing dirt and lint. They also lend themselves to most decorating schemes and compliment all styles of decorating.

Check the Performance Appearance Rating on the back of carpet samples. Carpets are rated on a scale of one to five with five being the most durable. The ratings rank the carpet's ability to maintain a like-new appearance under normal use. To retain your carpet's new appearance longer, look for carpeting constructed from continuous filament nylon (CFN.) Carpets made of staple nylon or BCF are more prone to pilling on the surface.

Buy the highest quality carpet you can afford, but don't forget to budget in the cost of padding and installation fees. (Installation may add 15 to 30 percent to the final cost.) Don't skimp on padding. The cushioning layer you place underneath the carpet will affect comfort and performance. You may pay more initially for thicker, mildew and water-resistant padding, but it can add years to your carpet's life. (Some carpet manufacturers require a certain type of padding in order to honor the warranty.)

Ask for carpet swatches to take home. Keep in mind that any color you choose will be covering a large area. Be careful to match carpet colors to existing upholstery. Lighting also has a major impact on color. Take the time to view your samples in natural light, under an overhead light with the indirect light of a lamp to observe if the color you're considering is the choice for your home.

Pay close attention to the manufacturer care instructions for your new carpet. Maintaining your carpeting properly can be a major consideration in how long it lasts.

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1. Ask if the quoted price includes installation fees.
2. The type of padding installed beneath the carpet has an important effect on its performance and may be a factor in the manufacturer's warranty.
3. Choose a carpet type and color that is practical for your lifestyle.
4. Take advantage of free in-home estimates offered by carpet dealers. They may be able to save you money by minimizing the number of seams and using a different width of carpet.

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Hardwood floors have become more and more popular in recent years, and are not only in fashinn, but increase the value of your property. There are many varieites of choices — style, color and finishes — you should evaluate before you purchase any hardwood floor product.

- Will the new hardwood be installed on grade, above grade or below grade?
- Is the subfloor wood or concrete?
- What is the chance of moisture, humidity or condensation?
- Will you install the floor yourself or have professionals do the job?
- What do you know about the style and species of wood?

Consider, also, the grading of wood species. Whether domestic or imported, hardwood floors are graded Clear, Select, No. 1 and No. 2 Common, First Grade, Second Grade and Third Grade. Hard maple, beech, birch and pecan have these grades.

Clear is free of defects, although it may have minor imperfections. Select is almost clear, but, contains more natural characteristics such as knots and color variations.

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How to choose a carpet cleaner

BY SHEILA JOHNSON

Before you pick a carpet cleaning company at random from the phone book, ask your friends, family and coworkers for the names of companies they have worked with in the past. If you can't get a referral from family members or friends, check with your local Better Business Bureau or Chamber of Commerce. Be sure to ask if the company you are considering has any complaints on file.

Ask for estimates based on the number of rooms that will be cleaned. Be sure to mention any problems that may need special attention such as oil stains, pet odors or damage from water or mold. If you need more than routine cleaning, it is best to have a representative of the cleaning company inspect the carpet first to determine the best method to use.

It is also smart to check with the carpet manufacturer for any special care recommendations for your particular type of carpet. Keep in mind that simple household cleaning products cannot remove some spills and stains. A professional deep cleaning can usually restore a stained carpet to a like-new appearance and help prolong its life.

Don't choose a carpet cleaner based on the lowest price. A fly-by-night company using unprofessional methods and cheap cleaning materials could actually do more harm than good. Look for a company that uses state-of-the art equipment and guarantees its work. Some carpet cleaning companies offer a low price to persuade you to call, but then add on services you thought were included in the price.

Many cleaning companies own professional carpet cleaning systems but their technicians receive no formal training in how to use them. Ask how technicians are trained, if they are certified, and what the company does to stay abreast of new cleaning technology.

Ask questions of the cleaning service until you fully understand which method suits your needs best. You can choose from steam cleaning and dry or wet chemical cleaning methods. A professional carpet cleaning company can analyze your particular situation and carpet type to determine the method best suited for your home. Some natural fiber carpets like wool and cotton can shrink or become discolored if a wet cleaning method with a long drying period is used.

A carpet cleaner that uses a residue-free rinse process is preferable since sticky residue left on a carpet can re-soil quickly. Be sure to ask if the cleaning process requires a long drying time. (Some companies provide fans to speed up the drying process).

Among the different methods carpet cleaners use are dry extraction, absorbent pad, dry-foam cleaning and steam cleaning. The dry extraction method uses an absorbent compound combined with detergents and solvents to loosen dirt from the carpet pile so that it can be vacuumed up. Dry-foam cleaning uses a detergent solution mixed into foam and applied with a brush machine before being wet-vacuumed up. Steam cleaning usually involves using a chemical treatment to loosen ground-up dirt followed by a pressurized cleaning solution injected into the pile and extracted using a high-power vacuum. The absorbent pad method uses a machine somewhat like a floor buffer to remove soil with absorbent spin pads.

Most carpet cleaning companies offer special treatments for neutralizing pet odors in carpet and upholstery and they can provide assistance for smoke and water damage caused by a fire or flood.

Keep in mind that when you hire a carpet cleaning service, you are letting strangers come into your home. Take precautions to remove valuables, cash and collectibles that you can't replace. Make sure the company you hire is bonded and insured against theft, loss and breakage. Most reputable carpet cleaning services offer some type of guarantee that the work will be performed professionally or your money will be returned.

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Wood flooring is an affordable ecologically friendly flooring choice

BY AMANDA KNOLES

More families are turning to wood as an ecologically friendly flooring choice for their homes. Wood is a natural resource that does not collect dust and other allergens, and it is both renewable and recyclable. Today's wood floors are also more affordable and maintain their value over time. While some flooring options get tired and worn over the years, wood seems to get even better with age.

There are more styles, colors and species of wood flooring to choose from than ever before. Whether you are looking for maple, birch, traditional oak or exotic bamboo, there is a style and color that will complement your décor. Selecting the right style depends on a variety of factors including where you live, your lifestyle, decorating scheme, and how much you are willing to pay. Many homeowners choose wood flooring because it offers improved shock absorption over other surfaces and it provides high resilience while maintaining a lustrous appearance. Surface finishes containing urethane in various gloss levels provide a protective coating for wood flooring making it durable, water-resistant and easy to care for.

There are more than 50 species of domestic and exotic woods to choose from in a variety of color options, hardness values and price ranges. It is also possible to achieve unique looks with custom stains and finishes or decorator patterns using several types and colors of wood.

Oak and maple seem to be the most popular woods but cherry and bamboo are also becoming big sellers. If your furniture is dark it's better to select a medium-toned wood floor. Dark wood stains look best with fabrics that have warmer gold or cooler blue tones. Lighter wood stains work well with colors like burgundy, hunter green or brown.

Solid wood flooring is constructed of one piece of wood and offers a choice of species, stains and finishes. It works well in most homes at ground level or above. Acrylic impregnated floors are extremely durable. Acrylics are injected into the wood to create an extra-hard flooring surface. They are a good choice for a family room, hallway, or kitchen.

When shopping for wood flooring you will notice different grades. Grade is determined by the appearance of the wood. Clear wood is considered free of defects even though it may have minor imperfections. Select wood is close to clear but many have some natural knots and color variations. Common wood (labeled number one and number two) has more natural variations such as knots and color differences. Many designers and consumers find the imperfections desirable since they give the floor more character and uniqueness. Number one common typically has a variegated appearance, light and dark colors, flags, knots and wormholes. Number two common is more rustic in appearance.

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Some designers used stained patterns on hardwood floors to make them look older while others use stain to create faux inlays. Diamond designs popular in homes decades ago are being applied to new wood floors and trimmed with borders. Inlaid designs are sometimes applied to hardwoods like walnut, maple, hickory, cherry and pecan.

Other families prefer a vintage look, which can be achieved through distressing new floorboards or notching and grinding older floors with a variety of aging techniques. Distressed floors and faux finishes blend particularly well with French and Tuscan style walls and crackle finishes.

A popular design trend is mixing hardwoods. Different hardwoods used on the floor and cabinets can make a room look larger or add warmth. For example a darker floor can make a small room appear larger when teamed with lighter woods at eye level.

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Choosing the right carpeting brings warm-fuzzies underfoo

BY CATHY KNOPP

Although hardwood floors have made a comeback, most consumers prefer to have at least part of their home carpeted. Carpeting feels warm and soft underfoot and is much quieter than other types of flooring. The variety of styles, colors and textures available today makes it easier than ever to choose the perfect carpet for any room in your home. Manufacturers have also improved carpeting construction, which makes the carpeting you buy today more stain resistant and long-lasting.

Carpets are constructed of fiber blends or manufactured entirely from nylon, polypropylene (olefin), polyester, or wool. Nylon is one of the most popular carpet fibers due to its durability and versatility. Most nylon styles have stain-resistant properties. Polypropylene (olefin) is increasing in popularity because it is very resistant to stains, fading and moisture. Polyester is also stain and fade resistant and offers excellent color and softness. Wool has a luxurious feel and is usually more expensive than synthetic fibers. It requires careful maintenance but appeals to many people since it is a natural fiber.

Carpeting is a major purchase so it is important to understand the basic elements of construction and style to determine the best choice for your home. Higher durability and density ratings mean enhanced comfort and better performance. A higher twist level prevents crushing and matting. Face weight refers to the number of ounces of fiber per square yard. A higher face weight is an indicator of better quality.

Plush carpeting is cut pile constructed from untwisted yarn. The ends form a smooth surface making it more suited for formal rooms than heavy traffic areas.

Cut pile features loops that are cut, leaving individual yarn tufts. It is one of the most popular choices for its versatility and durability. The type of fiber, density of tufts and the twist of the yarn can vary according to style and manufacturer.

Frieze is a type of cut pile carpet recommended for heavy traffic areas such as a bedroom or family room. The high twist construction of the yarn tufts curl at the surface to hide footprints.

Saxony features a dense, cut pile. The yarn tufts are close together forming a smoother surface than other carpet styles. It is frequently used in less formal rooms but will show footprints.



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Textured carpets are constructed with twisted yarn tufts. They don't show footprints, are highly stain resistant, and easily adapt to formal or casual room settings. A textured carpet with a neutral color can add more interest to a room without need for a multicolored pattern or bright color.

Loop pile features loops that are uniform in height for a more informal look. It is often used in high traffic areas. Several of today's popular Berber styles are constructed of loop pile with chips of a darker color interspersed on a light background.

Cut and loop pile combines both cut and looped yarns and is available in a variety of textures ranging from sculptured squares to swirls.

When shopping for carpeting, consider your family's lifestyle, pets, what you'll be using your carpeted rooms for and how the carpeting will complement other furniture, window coverings and decor. Carpeting that is impractical for the family room might look great in a seldom-used formal dining room or guest bedroom.

Light colors can make small rooms appear larger while dark colors work well in living rooms with vaulted ceilings or large master bedrooms. Most people know that light colors soil more easily, but many people forget that dark colors show lint. Neutral tones and textured styles with colors from nature are usually the best choices for minimizing the appearance of dirt and lint. They also lend themselves to most decorating schemes and complement all styles of decorating.

Don't be shy about asking for carpet swatches to take home. Keep in mind that any color you choose will be covering a large area. A small purple swatch might look great as a pillow accent but it could be too intense for an entire room. Be careful in trying to match carpet colors to existing upholstery. Lighting also has a major impact on carpet color. Take the time to view your sample in natural light, under an overhead light and with the indirect light of a lamp to determine if the color you've chosen looks good.

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What every carpet buyer should know

Recent developments: Manufacturers of today's carpeting have improved construction to make it more stain and mildew resistant and longer lasting.

Types of carpet: Carpets are constructed of fiber blends or manufactured entirely from nylon, polypropylene (olefin), polyester, or wool. Natural fibers such as wool are more luxurious, but more expensive and require greater care.

Quality: You can determine carpeting quality by face weight, which refers to the number of ounces of fiber per square yard. A higher face weight indicates higher quality.

Location: Where will your new carpet be placed? Different types of carpeting, from plush to cut pile, from frieze to Saxony, and from textured to loop pile, are appropriate for different areas of your home. Consult your retail carpet outlet for advice.

Color: Remember the basic rule that light colors make rooms appear larger and dark colors have the opposite effect. Also, neutral tones and natural colors will minimize the appearance of dirt and lint while complementing most decorating schemes.

Appearance: How will your new carpeting actually look in your home? Don't be afraid to ask for samples from your local carpeting dealer to take home and look at it under different forms of light.

Padding: This affects comfort and performance. Thicker, mildew and water-resistant padding may be more expensive, but it can add years to your carpet's life.



How to select the right flooring for your home needs

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When it comes to deciding on a flooring purchase, the choices are staggering. One of the difficulties for consumers entering the carpet/flooring market stems from the significantly different levels of material, construction and price points available. Over the last decade, different quality levels from both domestic and overseas manufacturers have further driven the importance of consumer education and product knowledge.

Carpet floors

Carpeting exudes a warmth and softness that other floors don't. Some people like the feel of carpet underfoot.

One of the first things to consider when purchasing carpet is how much traffic it will receive. If you have a high-traffic area, then nylon would be a good choice due to its durability.

A carpet of olefin would also be a good choice for heavy traffic areas, as it is strong and easy to clean. Polyester is also excellent in high-traffic areas, as it is easy to clean and resists water-based stains. Other consideration should be the density of the carpet and the color or pattern of carpeting.

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Hardwood floors

Hardwood floors generally come prefinished (the manufacturer applies a finish at the factory). This finish is generally at least four coats of ultraviolet-cured urethane resin. This makes hardwood floors easy to clean with a simple sweep of a dust mop or vacuum. A manufacturer finish on a hardwood floor will, with proper care, last up to 25 years.

Vinyl floors

Vinyl flooring has come a long way and remains the most poplar choice for kitchens and foyers. Vinyl is durable and water resistant. It comes in a wide range of colors and patterns and is easy to install for do-it-yourselfers. Vinyl floors are also easy to maintain.

Getting the most for your money

The right quality flooring will last for decades, but the most common mistake buyers make is purchasing a lower quality level than what is indicated by their floor environment. Even low-end flooring may look nice when new; however, problems stem from using the wrong type of flooring, with consequences often not revealing themselves for several months. One way to reduce the risk of purchasing the wrong quality is to shop with a company that carries several types of flooring.

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"We offer a broad range of products," says Janka White, owner of three Floor Dimensions locations in the East Bay. "We have everything from solid engineered hardwoods to laminates, ceramic, porcelain, natural stone tiles, carpeting, vinyl, area rugs and linoleum."

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Buyer's guide to wood flooring

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Astronomy in California, 1850 - 1950

and the moon landings as well as the earth-moon system.

Learn what the moon is made of, how it affects the earth, what causes moon phases and gravity on the moon.

You can even take a look at an ancient piece of the moon up close. The exhibit includes space artifacts and replicas, from Sputnik and Mercury to Gemini and Apollo.

And if the moon isn't enough, how about the entire solar system?

You can tour the solar system, from the radiant sun and the ringed planet saturn, to giant jupiter and far-away Pluto.

Discover what makes the planets go round, then design a solar system and launch your planets into orbit. Find out how rocks from outer space can change a planet's surface and climate, then try making craters yourself.

Hunt for signs of water on other planets, find out about the weather on Mars and Titan, and learn how telescopes and robotic spacecraft are helping us explore our planetary neighbors.

The planetarium

The Ask Jeeves Planetarium is a real source of pride at Chabot.

"This is a full-dome digital projection system," said Barnett. "It is a next-generation projection technology that is the most state-of-the-art on the planet."

The system can project a brilliant seamless image over the entire 70-foot dome surface and can deliver jaw-dropping digital sound, Barnett said. The images surround the audience, extending beyond the peripheral vision, leading to an experience that is fully immersive and engaging.

The planetarium seats 240 people, and features live and pre-recorded shows. In the planetarium's current offering, audiences can witness the birth of a black hole, zip through a wormhole, journey past the event horizon and experience the formation of the Milky Way.

Mathematical equations, cutting edge science and Einstein's theories fill in holes along the way, providing the most complete picture yet of this mysterious phenomenon.

"Can you feel the pull?" asks narrator Liam Neeson. And in the atmosphere of this 21st-century planetarium, you'll swear you can.

"The Chabot Scout Program is an excellent opportunity for boys and girls in Scout troops to earn badges," said Barnett. "We offer Brownies and Scouts workshops, telescope viewing, planetarium shows as well as overnight programs."

Cub Scouts can earn a Space Merit Badge; Boy Scouts, an Astronomy Badge. Brownies and Girl Scouts can each earn two badges: Brownies the Space Explorer Try-It and Earth and Sky Try-It badges and Girl Scouts the Aerospace and Sky Search badges.

Chabot also offers programs for other youngsters. For example, school groups can attend classes in astronomy, life sciences, physical sciences, computer technology, or environmental education.

"School group visits include a planetarium show and time to explore all our permanent exhibits," said Barnett. "We also hold birthday parties and summer camps here."

The Space & Science Center hosts a Telescope Makers' Workshop every Friday from 7 to 10 p.m.

Attendance at each and every meeting is not mandatory, and each member can work at his or her own pace.

"We're 50 years older than our more famous Los Angeles cousin, the Griffith Observatory," said Barnett. "Yet we get less attention, which means less money and less ability to do more of what we're best at."

She points out that Chabot has few marketing resources and little money to advertise. In this case, silence is not golden, but hurtful.

Are you closing?: This is one question that Barnett says she hears all too frequently. "We are not closing, and we have much planned for the future."

She says, for example, that a new exhibit is on tap for Thanksgiving: "Legends of he Night Sky: Orion. "We have all kinds of great stuff coming," she said. "But we can never take any of this for granted or we could close."

Chabot's search of space is coupled with another search here on earth: The search for donors.

"Anthony Chabot saw the potential of providing inspirational educational opportunities for all, and his legacy has given millions their first views of the cosmos," Barnett said.

"As we approach our 125th birthday, we are seeking more like minded individuals to donate in support of continuing our vital educational mission for the next 125 years."



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CONRAD JUNG

MEET LEAH: The newly refurbished 8-inch telescope, "Leah," began life in one of the first observatories on the West Coast. Anthony Chabot funded the telescope, which was installed in 1883. "Leah" is still in use today and is part of Chabot's latest exhibit.

VISITING CHABOT SPACE AND SCIENCE CENTER

What: Chabot Space and Science Center offers an observatory, a planetarium and exhibits in a natural park setting

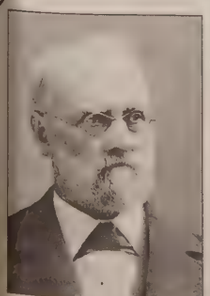
Where 10000 Skyline Blvd in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park.

When: Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Monday and Tuesday (last entry one hour before closing)

How much: $13 for adults, $10 seniors and students, $9 youth, children under 3, free admission includes free parking and a daytime planetarium show

In the evening: Evening planetarium shows and movies $8 adult; $7 youth, student and senior, telescopes open for free public viewing Fridays and Saturdays from dusk to 10:30 p.m., weather permitting

More information: Call 510-336-7300 or visit www.chabotspace.org.



OAKLAND HISTORY ROOM

1883

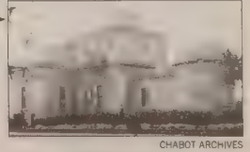
PROMINENT OAKLAND PHILANTHROPIST Anthony Chabot, left — who had made his fortune in gold mining and construction of municipal water systems — funds the construction of the original observatory in Lafayette Square in downtown Oakland, right, and the purchase of the 8-inch telescope, now known as "Leah," pictured above. The observatory opens to the public Nov. 24, 1883.



CHABOT ARCHIVES

1892

A NEW FACE: Nine years later, the original building is torn down and a new structure with a lecture room is built it its place, right. Money from a Chabot bequest known as the Telescope Trust Fund pays for the new observatory, which opens on Oct. 31, 1892. Visitors no longer have to climb 52 stairs to reach the telescope in this more user-friendly observatory.



CHABOT ARCHIVES

TIMELINE BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
WITH INFORMATION FROM
"A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHABOT"
BY CARTER ROBERTS AND DON STONE

1916

THE THIRD CHABOT Observatory, right, funded by the City of Oakland and the Oakland Board of Education, is built on Mountain Boulevard. Surrounding hills blocks city lights and a public streetcar line provides easy access for visitors. The partially completed observatory opens to the public March 8, 1916. The completed observatory has two telescopes, lecture halls, a library and a weather station.



CHABOT ARCHIVES

2000

RED LIGHTS are used at night at the fourth Chabot Observatory, — The Chabot Space and Science Center — right, because white lights interfere with telescope viewing. Funding from a myriad of sources made the center possible. The present-day center at the foot of Redwood Peak opens to the public on Aug. 19, 2000.



CARTER ROBERTS

Tips for providing your child proper nutrition essentials to maximize learning

GRAIN FOODS FOUNDATION

Dr. Ronald Kleinman, chief of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition at Massachusetts General Hospital and Grain Foods Foundation advisory board member, offers parents back-to-school tips to help their children be at their best by providing the proper nutrition essentials to maximize learning throughout the school day.

Dr. Kleinman's tips include helpful breakfast, snack and lunch ideas as well as the reasons why a balanced and nutritious diet is so important for developing children.

Breakfast

As the most important meal of the day, parents can jump start their children's day with a well-balanced breakfast. Studies show that breakfast is the most important meal of the day for children; it improves school performance and is necessary to help a child's memory function well.

■ Make sure to feed your child a balanced breakfast consisting of grains (toast, cereal, bagel, etc.), fruit or a glass of fruit juice, and a cup of milk.

School lunch

The most challenging meal for parents to prepare is lunch. It is important to vary the menu to prevent children from getting bored with their lunch and from straying to the vending machine or snack bar. When packing your child's lunch it should include five essential food groups: grains, fruits, vegetables, protein and dairy products.

■ Mix and match breads to create a colorful sandwich.

■ Encourage your child to drink low-fat milk instead of soda at lunch. Calcium is essential for growing and developing bones in children.

■ Avoid foods that are high in fat and sugar and pack fruits/vegetables as opposed to candy.

■ Help your child get the proper amount of protein by packing a sandwich made with lean meat or poultry.

■ Don't forget to add a little sunshine to your child's day by including a short love note in their lunch box.

Snacks

Most children need a snack midmorning and mid-afternoon to keep them from losing energy and becoming hungry.

■ Send your child to school with "ready-to-eat" slices of fruits or vegetables.

■ Yogurt is high in protein and calcium and makes a tasty treat for your child.

■ Give your children fresh produce, breads, crackers, nuts or cheese cubes.

Exercise

Incorporate exercise into your child's daily routine such as walking to school and organizing other fun physical activities during or after school.

Role modeling

Children learn from what parents do at least as much as what parents say. Parents should eat with their children and model good eating and activity practices. Spending time with your children is one of the best things you can do for their health and well-being.

The Grain Foods Foundation, a joint venture of members of the milling and baking industries formed in 2004, is dedicated to advancing the public's understanding of the beneficial role grain-based foods play in the human diet. Directed by a board of trustees, funding for the Foundation is provided through voluntary donations from private grain-based food companies and is supplemented by industry associations. For more information about the Grain Foods Foundation, visit www.grainpower.org.

Spice it up with Asian fusi

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After decades of being satisfied with mild foods, American consumers are now craving bold flavors that pack a punch — hot and spicy, sweet and heat, and other interesting combinations.

Food experts say that Americans have become more diverse and are now better-traveled. Our food choices reflect this new lifestyle.

One of the biggest trends is the fusion of Asian and Western cuisine. Asian foods are now a permanent part of the Western diet in restaurants and home cooking. Because people are making Asian foods part of their routine home-cooking diet, supermarkets now devote large areas of valuable shelf space to Asian foods. The range of products available is ever expanding.

Asian Fusion cuisine presents these flavors in forms and variations designed for even greater appeal to contemporary American tastes.

Experts say it's just the beginning of a really big boom over the next decade. Currently we've only explored a small portion of Asian recipes. Many more exciting recipes are yet to be discovered. One sensational find is this Hazelnut Asian Lettuce Wraps recipe. Packed with exciting flavors and an unexpected crunch, they are sure to please your palate.

Here is the recipe:

HAZELNUT ASIAN LETTUCE WRAP

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 1/4 pound turkey, ground
2 teaspoons garlic, fresh, minced
1/3 cup orange juice
1/3 cup Hoisen sauce
1 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon ginger, fresh, minced
1 tablespoon rice wine or white vinegar
1 cup hazelnuts, toasted, skin removed, coarsely chopped, divided
4 cups (8 ounces) cabbage and carrot
1/2 cup green sliced
1/4 cup cilantro
2 heads romaine trimmed

Directions: Heat pan over medium turkey and garlic 10 minutes until set aside.

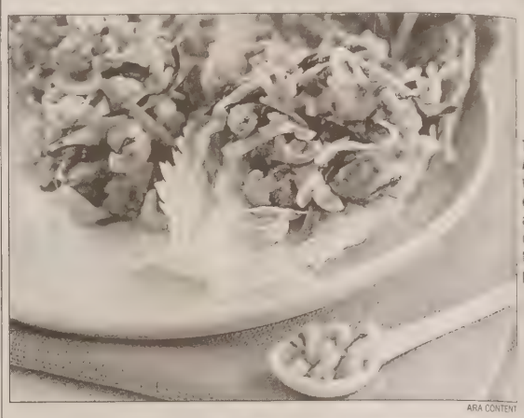
Puree orange juice soy sauce, ginger cup hazelnuts in processor for 10 blended.

Pour sauce over coleslaw, green remaining hazelnuts blended. Spoon and serve.

Prep time: 15 time: 10 minutes

For more recipes, nutcouncil.com.

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ARA CONTENT

Choose laminate flooring for today's busy households

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Today's busy households require durable, easy-to-maintain floors, and today's homeowners love the look of real hardwood. How to marry the two? Choose a laminate.

Laminate flooring, which is created using sophisticated printing techniques that give the floor the look and feel of another natural material, is becoming more and more popular because of its realistic look and exceptional durability. Flooring manufacturer Mannington has developed an innovative technology that captures the essence of authentic woods, stones, tiles, and slates in a laminate floor.

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good night's sleep rests on the mattress

BY LISA ROBERTS
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

RLANDO, Fla. — In the world attress shopping, one thing becomes apparent: There eemingly more variations ng retailers' offerings than n-Robbins has ice cream fla- There are memory foam mat- s, ultra-plush mattresses and t Comfort Sleep Number sses. And pillowtops, Euro- no-flips, luxury firm and n models.

uyers' heads swim with ques- s firmer better? Does coil really count? Are quality and synonymous? Would I be bet- with memory foam? A water bed is enough to make a buyer to sleep on the floor.

onsider, though: A good mat- can help you get a night of re- ing sleep, while a worn one can you to toss and turn in search comfortable spot and leave you g stiff, sore and cranky.

hen it comes to picking a mat- , experts agree that it boils n to this: "What feels best to you e best mattress in the world. I t care if it's made out of pine ," says Gordon Jones, a for- Sealy Inc. executive and the co- r of the Original Mattress Fac- n Central Florida.

se Rodriguez, 40, who was ping recently at an Original Mat- Factory store, knew what did- el good. The bedding he and his girlfriend, Cathy Wilkinson, 40, slept on was "as hard as a rock," even though he had topped it with a layer of egg-crate foam.

"When I go to bed, I need to sleep," says Rodriguez, a state trooper who had done his homework on mattress construction during earlier purchases. When he tried a Euro-top mattress, he knew it was right for him.

This is one decision that is all about you, says Nancy Shark, the Better Sleep Council's vice president of communications. "It's such a subjective decision; it really is a personal choice."

Some shoppers may feel that "it's just a bed. I don't need anything more," says Cyrus Nowia-Pahlavi of Havertys Furniture in Altamonte Springs, Fla. However, besides how much you can afford, there are many factors to consider.

For instance: Do you prefer a firm mattress with little padding? Do you like a plush feeling with a firm foundation? Does your tossing disturb your bed partner? And what's your sleep style — back, stomach or side? "So buying a mattress is much like buying a pair of pants. You have to buy something that fits you."

The typical mattress lasts eight to 10 years. If you've had yours for five to seven years, it's time to evaluate the comfort and support you're getting, Shark says. It's as easy as walking into a mattress outlet or furniture store. "You've got nothing to lose going to a mattress retailer and comparing their mattresses to what you have at home."

How a mattress wears depends on how much time you spend in bed, how much you weigh, how often the mattress is turned and what it's made of, Jones says. You should think about new bedding if you wake up tired and achy, your arm or another extremity goes numb while sleeping on your side or stomach, your mattress sags excessively or is lumpy, or you sleep better away than at home.

Americans sleep primarily on four types of bedding — springs or coils, foam, water and air. Though foam mattresses, such as Tempur-Pedic's, and air mattresses, such as Select Comfort's Sleep Number, are growing in popularity in the high-end market, spring mattresses make up almost 80 percent of mattresses sold in the U.S., Jones says. Despite that, they are perhaps the most mystifying to consumers.

The support of a spring mattress is determined by the number of coils, the number of turns in those coils, and the gauge of steel used. The lower the gauge number and the greater number a coil's turns, the more durable the spring. So, a 12½-gauge coil will be more durable than a 14-gauge coil. Generally, "the more steel, the firmer the mattress," says Jones, though mattresses that have high coil counts may use lighter-gauge coils.

Generally, a full-size mattress should have a minimum of 300 coils of 13-gauge wire, a queen-size mattress should have 375 13-gauge coils, and a king should have 450. Layers of cotton or fiber batting, foam and quilted fabric cover the coils, adding comfort to different degrees.

Many consumers have drifted away from firm or lightly padded mattresses in favor of comfy pillow- and Euro-tops. The top, which is stitched separately to the mattress, may include such materials as convoluted foam, memory foam, silk, cashmere or wool — even alpaca fibers. Such luxury may push the price up hundreds of dollars. "All you get for your money is more stuff, and you have to decide if it's worth it for comfort," Jones says.

Another trend, the no-flip mattress, has the pillow-top on just one side of the mattress. Though it may sound good to consumers who are tired of turning unwieldy mattresses every three months, Jones cautions that such mattresses may wear out faster than those that are flipped.

"If your mattress is two-sided, you turn it. Turning (a mattress) is exactly like rotating your tires. If you do, you'll get more mileage out of them," he says.

Comparison shopping is best done by feel, not by label, because one retailer's firm may be another's extra-firm. Besides, retailers have mattresses made to their own specifications, complete with their own model names and changes in the types of foam, fabrics and padding used, Havertys' Pahlavi says. Cutaway models can help shoppers compare products between stores. At the very least, they help educate buyers, because "most people won't know what they're looking at."

Though most bedding may be offered as a set with a box spring or foundation, your old box spring might do — provided it's in good shape, Jones says. Test it on the sides where you get in and out of bed, which is the area most likely to be worn. If the sides spring back as lively as the head and foot of the box spring, chances are the box spring will do. If you're in doubt, opt for the whole set, because putting a new mattress on a worn-out box spring is "like building a house over a sinkhole."

To educate yourself before buying, "go to different mattress outlets, go to their Web sites, or, if want to walk the beat, go to different stores," Pahlavi advises. "But be prepared, you'll get a lot of different answers."

And by all means, take your time. "You need to be comfortable with what you're buying," he says. Chances are you'll be sleeping with your decision for years to come.



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RODRIGUEZ, left, and Cathy Wilkinson try out a mattress at The Original Mattress Factory in Park, Fla.



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RODRIGUEZ, left, and Wilkinson listen as salesman Joe Rogers, right, explains his prodcuts.

Did you know

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Curio cabinets are specialty pieces of furniture with the express purpose of housing people's collections. They can be filled with trophies, crystal, porcelain statues and other memorabilia. Curios are placed in any room of the home, but are typically found in the living room or dining room, where collectibles are best displayed. Interestingly, the term "curio" is a derivative of "curiosity cabinet," which makes sense considering many people are curious as to what decorative knick-knacks you may have. Curio cabinets keep items safe and dust-free, lending to their popularity.

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Nothing does more for a room than good window treatments.

They add warmth and style. They provide privacy and help lower energy costs in both summer and winter. They can even make ceilings appear higher, windows bigger, and spaces brighter.

But choosing the right one can be a daunting task for the average home decorator faced with sorting pinch pleat from fan pleat, swag from cornice, roller shade from roman shade.

"Window treatments are so important and there are so many choices, people have a really hard time deciding what they want," says Ellen DeLucia of HomeDeclnaSec.com, a purveyor of custom window treatments.

"We've seen people so afraid of making a mistake, they spend years living with bare windows," adds Sue Sampson, DeLucia's partner and co-author of "The Window Treatments Idea Book," available next month from Taunton Press ($19.95).

No one deserves to live with stark-naked windows. A few simple guidelines are all you need to get going on dressing them up, the experts say.

The first thing to determine is the look you want for the room, says Julie Morris, manager of custom labor for Calico Corners, which offers window treatments through its more than 100 retail stores.

Is the space formal or informal? Ruffled or tailored? Beachy? Bohemian? Urban loft? It's important to know, because window-treatment styles send certain signals.

Pinch-pleat drapes say traditional, as do swags, cornices and other fancy toppers. Drapery panels hung on rings or with metal grommets take things in a transitional or contemporary direction.

Roman shades can adapt to a variety of environments, depending on the style and fabric. A relaxed roman shade in a toile, for example, is a whole different animal than a flat-fold shade in a crisp stripe.

Natural woven grass and bamboo shades — one of the hottest window looks today — are also highly versatile.

"People are using the bamboo shades in all kinds of settings. They're even layering them with traditional silk panels," says designer Cindy O'Reilly, who manages product development for Smith & Noble, the Web and catalog custom-window treatment retailer.

Not quite sure which style you're going for? Clip pictures from magazines of windows that appeal to you, then take a close look at your room.

"Decide what you'll be keeping," says Morris. Maybe it's a painting, a collection of antique plates, an Oriental rug, or some heirloom mid-century modern furniture. You want to make sure the window treatments tie things together.

That means, for example, that a room full of casual furniture would look out of place with windows opulently dressed in shaped cornices and flowing, puddled drapes.

Also, Morris says, "for some people, window treatments are the focal point of a room. They're the star of the show. Others just want window treatments to warm up a room or to serve a certain function, and they want them to recede into the background."

Function is, indeed, another key to choosing the right window treatment, say Sampson and DeLucia, whose Web site allows customers to glimpse what their panels, valances, swags and shades will look like in any of the company's hundreds of fabric offerings.

Do you need to shade a south-facing family room from the blistering sun?

Do you want to be able to block morning rays in the bedroom and sleep in?

Or do you want to let light in yet screen the room from a busy city street or too-close neighbors?

"If your main goal is privacy, shades are a great option," says O'Reilly. Roller shades, now available in a wide range of fabric choices from many custom shops, are one of the most affordable options.

Want to control the view but still catch a glimpse of the sky? Look for natural woven and roman fabric shades that offer a top-down, bottom-up feature. (Additional options for shades include privacy or blackout linings.)

Wood shutters and blinds are another handsome way to moderate light and views, and they're a good choice for those looking to save on heating and cooling bills, says O'Reilly. She also recommends honeycomb shades, made from a translucent pleated polyester, for their high insulating value.

One thing to remember, designers caution: No single window treatment can fulfill all your style and function desires. Instead, think layers.

Gossamer sheers can be paired with heavy drapes for daytime light and nighttime privacy.

Stationary panels that soften a stark room can be coupled with woven shades or blinds for light control.

A smartly tailored valance or generous swag can add a punch of color and hide a cellular shade when it's pulled up.

For those so inclined, layers are also a surefire way to turn a window into a room's focal point. A recent catalog from Calico Corners shows an elegantly striped, relaxed roman shade under flowered pinch-pleat drapes topped by a shaped, padded cornice covered in a vivid magenta fabric.

No receding into the background for that window.

Clinching their status as the hardest-working tool in the home-decor kit: Smartly designed window treatments can add architectural dimension to an undistinguished room, bring symmetry, and hide flaws, say Sampson and DeLucia. In their book, they show shutters cleverly installed over generic sliding patio doors, and used to create a mock transom effect on a standard window.

Skimpy windows can be made to look bigger, Sampson says, by installing a rod wider than the window and letting drapery panels stack up on the wall beyond the frame.

To make a low ceiling look higher, mount rods above the window frame at ceiling height. To draw the eye up even more dramatically, add a top treatment, like a cornice.

With window treatments, Sampson says, "You can create so many different illusions in a room."

Custom window treatments aren't cheap, but they can be a great investment, particularly if you plan to stay in your home for a while.

At Calico Corners, for example, a pair of drapery panels to fit a typical window starts at about $160 ($80 for labor, plus six yards of the retailer's lowest-priced fabric at $12.99 per yard). Roman shades start at $178 on the HomeDeclnaSec Web site. At Drapery Ever After, a custom shop that is part of a chain that looms its own silk, a pair of silk panels starts at $700.

That's a little less than double what you'd pay for basic drapes at Bed Bath & Beyond or Target, a roman shade from Pottery Barn, or silk drapery panels from Restoration Hardware. But the custom product will be made to fit your windows exactly, in the fabric of your choice.

Quality control. Off-the-shelf window treatments tend to offer skimpy yardage, lower-quality fabric, and sparse options in terms of color, pattern or size. For blinds, shades or any other kind of window treatment with moving parts you'll be yanking on every day, the operating life for a cheaper product is likely to be limited.

To get the best price for custom window treatments, shop around and get several quotes to compare, advise Sue Sampson and Ellen DeLucia of HomeDeclnaSec.com.

Always get swatches to judge fabric quality and see how the colors look in the room in different types of light. (Some places, including Calico Corners, will even let you take home a whole roll of fabric to get the full effect.)

Speaking of fabric. The rule of thumb on drapes is that, for optimal fullness, they should be 150 percent to 200 percent of your window width.

Remember that silk panels must always be lined to protect them from sun damage. And know that drapery-panel length falls into four categories: puddled on the floor; breaking (gently sweeping the floor); floor length; and sill length (at the bottom of the window molding).

Help is out there. If you're baffled by the vast number of options, or have a big project, or possess oddly shaped or placed windows, working with a designer can be a great idea. Find one who will act as a consultant and charges an hourly fee to help you sort through the offerings, whether custom or ready-made.

Need only a little assist? Opt for an in-home consultation from a window-treatment purveyor. Calico Corners, for example, charges $75 for a visit. Smith & Noble now connects customers to indepe... tractors who will me... window in your house ... starts at $49.95. Insta... start at $17 per win...

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lump, plentiful berries and stone ing to be eaten this time of year especially when enclosed in a de- pastry crust. Conventional e pastry crust take time and effort and tarts take time and effort of us would rather spend on ourselves in summer, but there's dious alternative: a free-form shaped by hand and baked on eet pan.

single piece of dough forms rust, and its edges are folded the fruit to keep it contained. fruit only needs to be tossed a little sugar and flour to make sistible filling.

ell them what you like, Italian ches, French galettes and free- tarts all are fast and easy to requiring minimal time and no baking skills. Your hands, a ll, a rolling pin, parchment paper, eet pan and an oven are the only you'll need. Make your own but- pastry dough or use a refriger- ie crust.

ce you've tried a fruit tart, fill with sliced tomatoes, onions, rooms, leeks and herbs for a or main course.

re are pointers:

When buying berries, avoid s with berry stains, which in- overripe fruit. Look for un- ined strawberries with fresh caps and no white shoulders. rries should be plump.

When you bring the berries spread them, unwashed, on wel-lined baking sheet and erate. Rinse just before using drain well.

Take advantage of other sea- l fruits, too, including peaches, , nectarines (thinly slice) and

ix them up and you'll have a nt dessert each time. Some fa- vorite combinations: blueberries, lemon zest and sugar; peaches, apricots, almonds and brown sugar; plums, cherries and sugar.

■ Taste your fruit before adding sugar; if it's more tart than you like, you may need more than the recipe calls for.

■ Adding a little flour helps to absorb the fruit juices and prevent them from bubbling over.

■ An egg wash and a sprinkling of sugar give the crust a sparkling finish.

■ A heavy-duty baking sheet is best; it will ensure that the crust does not overcook before the filling is done.

■ Because a free-form tart has much less filling than a regular tart or pie, it can be baked at a higher temperature for a shorter time.

FREE-FORM FRUIT TART

Dough for a single-crust pie (homemade or purchased), at room temperature.

1 pound peaches, nectarines and/or plums, pitted and thinly sliced (about 3 cups)

1 cup blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, strawberries and/or cherries

1 tablespoon flour

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon finely grated lemon zest

¼ cup sugar, plus 2 tablespoons for sprinkling

1 egg

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a Silpat baking mat. On a floured surface, roll dough out to a 14-inch circle, and place on prepared pan.

In a medium bowl, toss fruit with the flour, salt, lemon zest and ¼ cup of the sugar. Place on the center of the dough, and spread so there is a 2-inch border of dough all around. Fold border over the fruit, making a crease or fold every 4 to 5 inches to enclose fruit and prevent juices from leaking.

Beat egg with 1 teaspoon water, and brush it onto the exposed dough. Sprinkle on remaining 2 tablespoons sugar.

Bake 15 minutes. Lower oven temperature to 375, rotate baking sheet front to back and bake about 20 more minutes, until crust is evenly browned and fruit is bubbling. Using the parchment, slide the tart onto a cooking rack. The tart may be baked up to six hours ahead of time. Serve it with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

Makes 8 servings.



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FOLD THE DOUGH edges over the fruit to form the crust.

Info not to be sneezed at in pet allergy book

BY CONNIE BLOOM
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

You adopt a pet, then learn you're allergic. Talk about intense conflicts.

Don't toss the creature. Your symptoms can be managed, the allergens in your home reduced and your quality of life improved.

"Allergic to Pets? The Breakthrough Guide to Living with the Animals You Love" (Bantam, $7.99), provides an overview of the steps owners of dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, rodents, rabbits and horses can take.

Pet people are often also allergic to dust, dust mites, mold and pollen allergens that aggravate your sensitivities, said author Shirlee Kalstone. With a little effort, you can minimize your exposure to them all.

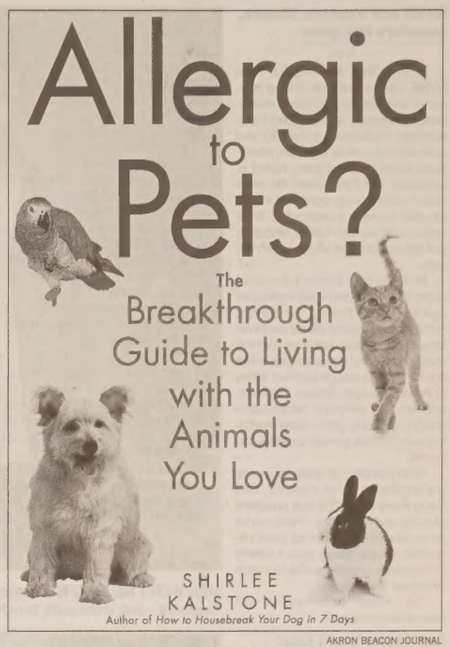
The book addresses the specific challenges of different pets and features an engaging quiz to debunk the myths.

True or false: You can become desensitized to your pet. (True. Many people live comfortably with their own pets only to experience an onslaught of symptoms outside of their home.)

Try it again: Poodles, bichons and Maltese are good choices for allergic dog lovers. (True, although no dog is truly hypoallergenic.)

The author offers room-by-room advice for allergen-proofing your home, and it's all doable.

Diligent cleaning and faithful grooming are of the essence.



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"Allergic to Pets?: The Breakthrough Guide to Living with the Animals You Love," by Shirlee Kalstone.

"If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans."

James Herriot

he right carpet for your home

lecting the right carpet for Home can be confusing. e are too many choices on arket these days.

first thing to do is to as- the room and ask yourself llowing questions:

Is the carpet for the family ing area?

Is it for a high traffic area?

Do you have pets and will be in the rooms where the will be installed?

Do you suffer from allergies re you looking for a non - and non-allergenic carpet?

he next step is to choose the hat works for you:

fibers:

ere are the most common

Wool: Is a natural, strong durable fiber and comes in ent textrues — from very fine erse. It is more expensive synthetic fiber carpets. Wool nsidered the finest fiber used arpet.

Drawbacks: It is not mold and mildew resistant and when wet it has a distinctive smell. Wool also sheds more than synthetic fibers — you will need to vacuum more frequently. Dry cleaning is highly recommended.



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■ Nylon: Is strong, durable, resilient, abrasion resistant and is the best performing carpet. It is the least expensive synthetic fiber. Eighty percent of all carpet sold on the market are made of nylon.

It hides dirt and is good for high traffic areas and cleans very easily. Steam or dry cleaning is recommended. Nylon is non- allergenic, mildew and insect resistant

Drawbacks: Nylon can have a high sheen, therefore it will show footprints and can be unpleasant to the touch.

■ Acrylic: Is a synthetic fiber. It looks like wool and is often combined with wool. Acrylic is soft and warm to the touch. The cost is moderate and cleans easily — steam or dry clean are fine.

Drawbacks: Acrylic has a low resilience, mats easily and is not durable, making for a short life span.

The different categories

Carpet is usually categorized in loop, cut pile, cut and loop types:

■ **Loop**

Loop carpets have soft, continuous loops. They are used in residential and commercial areas. Loop carpets are smooth and have a more casual and informal look and are prefect for high traffic area. The Berber is a good example for this category.

■ **Cut pile**

The loops of yard are cut at the top. They show traffic, footsteps, vacuum marks and are used in low traffic areas. This type of carpet includes Plush, Saxony, Frieze carpets.

■ **Cut and loop:**

These carpets have the cut and level loop. They come in print, patterns and designs such as leaves, scrolls, etc. They are becoming more popular and can be either casual or formal. They are very absorbent and durable. This type of carpet includes Sisal carpet, which is the trend now.

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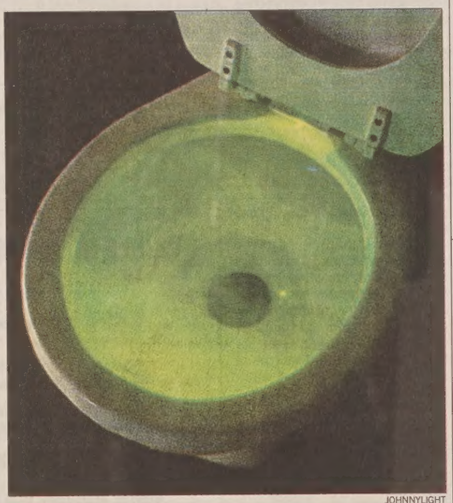
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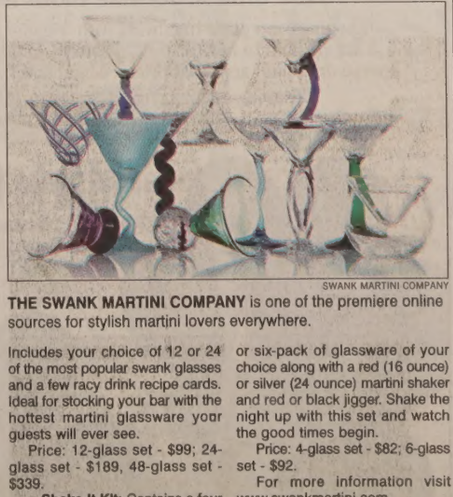
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New line of multi-sensory decorative bedding gets children excited about bedtime

LULLA BEDS LLC

ORLANDO, Fla. — Lulla Beds LLC has launched a new line of multi-sensory bedding known as Story Blankets that blend the time-honored tradition of the bedtime story with new interactive and dynamic special effects.

"Trying to get a little one to bed can be a battle for parents," said Jeff Abraham, co-founder of Lulla Beds. "Now parents can set up a consistent bedtime routine with Story Blankets fun, so children actually look forward to going to bed. In addition, Story Blankets provide safe electronic features and special effects that today's tech-savvy children have come to expect in almost every toy, game and entertainment."

Story Blankets, the first interactive bedding for children ages 3 to 12, comes complete with LED lights, sounds, and music and features a three-minute sound and gentle light show consisting of two modes. The story mode is two minutes long with rhythmically moving lights and a themed sound track that gets children excited about climbing into bed, and the sleep mode is a minute long, in which the gentle lights slowly fade, allowing children to drift into a relaxing sleep.

The special effects are activated by a three-inch soft-touch power button located within the duvet cover and powered by three D-cell batteries. Story Blankets are completely safe and child friendly. The light and sound comforter is sealed from child's access for optimum safety. The outer cover is treated to resist water and may be removed and washed, and the light and sound comforter insert can be spot cleaned.

The Story Blankets bedding line includes duvet covers with light-up comforter inserts, pillow shams, throw pillows, sheets, and bed skirts in four introductory designs, each with a different themed sound track and special effects: space, heroes, kitty and princess.

The suggested retail for the twin size is $119 will come in at about $1

For more informa www.lullabeds.com.



SPACE EXPLORATION is on the dream horizon with the line. The space sound track includes rocket engines, beeps and deep space chirps.



THE LOVING PURR OF A KITTEN accompanies a child dreamland with the kitty bedding line. In addition to purrin sound track includes a soft breeze and bubbles.

The new Outdoor Artisan Pizza Oven makes a perfect addition to your custom outdoor kitchen

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KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Ovens lined with stone and topped by an arched roof are found across Italy for baking pizza and bread. Why? The stone delivers superior heat transfer characteristics and the low, arched top reflects radiant heat back to the pizza for even baking from both the top and bottom.

Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet has taken this classic design and updated it for worry-free outdoor use. The Outdoor Artisan Pizza Oven is hand fabricated entirely of stainless steel, with a double-wall insulated design. The baking surface is lined with a professional composite baking stone. Its heat transfer performance exceeds that of natural stone, and it will never become brittle like quarry stone can after repeated heat cycles. The convenience of the 30,000 BTU stainless steel gas burner means the oven is always at the ready, while the integrated wood-chip drawer imparts the flavor of a wood-fired pizza oven.

Start a tradition at your home of baking artisan pizza in your backyard. Thick or thin crust or stuffed, even calzones bread... The Outdoor Oven helps you coo soned professional Pe

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Brie Society tees for dog lovers because "There's More To Life Than Fetch!"

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The Brie Society creates comfortable tees that articulate the special relationship "Dog Lovers" have with their four-legged companions. Inspired by a real-life muse, Brie the French bulldog, each tee captures the philosophic canine-centric life. With whimsical original artwork by Scott Glaser the tee designs exemplify Brie's motto: "there's more to life than fetch!"

Hand silk-screened on extra-soft, 100 percent premium, preshrunk cotton, Brie tees look good and feel great and come in a variety of colors and sizes. Price: $20 - $22.55 each (plus shipping/handling) at www.BrieSociety.com and $24.95 - $27.50 at retail stores.

The Brie Society wants to know: How do you and your pooch express, "there's more to life than fetch?" You can help Brie the French bulldog and her artist, Scott Glaser, design the next Brie tee. Email your design ideas to Brie at Brie@BrieSociety.com.

What else? The Brie Society is all about dogs who 'think they're people' and the privileged humans who share their lives. Society founder, Brie the 4-year old French bulldog, lives life by her motto: "There's more to life than fetch." She created The Brie Society to encourage dogs and their two-legged friends to share the fun side of life. The colorful, interactive Brie Society site, www.briesociety.com, is fun and free to join.

Pooches can join the Society pages, post their pictures, fill out a personality profile, share news about pup-friendly hotels and restaurants and more. bring her fellow Fi some of the most u tures and products h her reviews and reco of the best products t their human compan

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BRIE SOCIETY TEES will appeal to anyone who truly bel "there is more to life than fetch!"

Holiday cards available online from the American Brain Tumor Association

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The American Brain Tumor Association offers a variety of holiday cards from religious to whimsical to those suitable for business associates. Prices start at $27 for a box of 25 cards and envelopes. They can be imprinted with your name and special message.

Each card states, "The American Brain Tumor Association exists to eliminate brain tumors through research, and to meet the needs of patients and their families. Patient info: 800-886-2282 and at www.abta.org. This card acknowledges a donation to the American Brain Tumor Association."

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